

# THE FREEMASON.

The Organ of the Craft, a Weekly Record of Progress in  
FREEMASONRY, LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND ART

REPORTS OF THE GRAND LODGES ARE PUBLISHED WITH THE SPECIAL SANCTION OF

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND; HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND;  
SIR CHARLES DALRYMPLE, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS  
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

VOL. XXXV. NO. 1410.]

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1896.

[PRICE 3D.]

CONTENTS.		PAGE.
LEADER—		
The Approaching School Elections	...	143
A Remarkable Volume	...	144
Royal Order of Scotland	...	144
Report of the Herts Masonic Charity Committee for the Year 1894-5	...	145
Annual Supper of the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1912	...	145
The Recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	...	145
Craft Masonry	...	145
Masonic Notes	...	149
Correspondence	...	150
Masonic Notes and Queries	...	150
Royal Arch	...	151
Mark Masonry	...	151
Ancient and Accepted Rite	...	151
Rosicrucian Society	...	152
Royal Ark Mariners	...	152
Lodges and Chapter of Instruction	...	152
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution	...	152
Our Portrait Gallery	...	152
Obituary	...	152
Masonic and General Tidings	...	154

## THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The voting papers for the Spring School Elections have been circulated amongst those entitled to receive them. We are, therefore, in a position to offer the usual remarks as to the number and distribution of the candidates, and any points of interest that may be worth noting in the several cases.

The election to the

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS

will take place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, which will be held in Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 9th April, at the hour of noon. The list contains 31 candidates, of whom 15 remain over from the election in October, 1895, and 16 whose petitions have been considered and approved during the latter half of that year. The number of children to be elected is 24, so that the very unusual proportion of about three-fourths of the total number will gain admission into the School on this occasion, and it is by no means improbable that as so few will be left to carry forward their votes, if any, to October, the election in that month—and it may be for some further time to come—will be conducted without there being any necessity for a ballot. Of the 31 girls on the list, eight hail from London, while two others have claims on London and the Provinces of Herts and Middlesex. The remaining 21 girls derive their claims from Provinces and Districts Abroad, there being a few instances in which the child's father was connected during his Masonic career with two or more Provinces or Districts. The London candidates include No. 6, who has 697 votes standing to her credit from the elections of 1895; Nos. 11, 12, and 14, who were candidates in October last, when they had 642, 2526, and 1795 votes recorded in their behalf respectively; and Nos. 17, 20, 25, and 26, whose claims were approved and their names ordered to be entered on the list at the Quarterly Court in January. Of these eight children, only the one who ranks as No. 25 will have to fight hard in order to win a place, as in the event of her failing to do so, her name will be removed from the list on the score of age. The remaining candidates in which London has an interest—but conjointly with the Province of Herts or Middlesex—are Nos. 27 and 31, the former of whom derives her interest from London and Middlesex, and the latter from London and Hertfordshire. As regards the Provincial section of the list, only West Yorkshire furnishes more than one candidate, her *protégées*, who are both new candidates, being placed at Nos. 16 and 23. No. 1, with claims on Monmouthshire and Somersetshire, has 543 votes from the last three elections, and as this is her only remaining chance, it will behove her friends to exert all their influence in order to secure her a place. No. 2 is less favourably circumstanced in respect of the votes she brings forward, having only 215 in

hand, but her father was initiated in a New South Wales lodge, which till the formation a few years since of the United Grand Lodge of that Colony was on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England; while subsequently he joined lodges in Somersetshire and Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, so that the circle of her influence is considerable, though the votes already to her credit are few. No. 3, who brings forward 313 votes from the last three elections, belongs to the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; No. 4, who commenced her candidature in April, 1895, and who starts with the very capital array of 1136 votes to the good, has claims upon the District of Malta and the Provinces of Essex and Lincolnshire; and No. 5, who has also been a candidate at two elections and has 959 votes in hand, hails from Suffolk. No. 7, from West Lancashire, obtained no support whatever at the last October election, and as she has no other chance than this of being successful, her friends must put forth all their energies in order to prevent her being sent empty away. No. 8, from Sussex, has 33 votes to the good; No. 9, from Somersetshire, no less than 2525 votes; and No. 10, from Kent, 1060 votes. Nos. 13 and 15, the former being from the Isle of Man and the latter from Madras and Burma, bring forward 351 and 1907 votes respectively, the latter of the two being a *last* case, whose name, in the unlikely event of her failure, will be removed from the list for future elections. The remaining candidates were all placed on the list at the Quarterly Court in January, namely: No. 18, from Devonshire; No. 19, from the Western Division of South Africa and the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; Nos. 21 and 22, from Cheshire and Cornwall respectively; No. 24, from Warwickshire; No. 28, from East Lancashire; No. 29, from Leicestershire and Rutland; and No. 30, from the Argentine Republic. Of these, Nos. 19, 24, and 29 are *last* cases, and, as we have said in others of a similar character, will have their names removed in the event of failure at this election. In respect of the other particulars which are furnished in the printed lists, there is not much to be said. Three of the girls have lost both parents, and 25 are fatherless: one has lost her mother, and two have both parents living, but the father of one is entered as insane, and she and her six brothers and sisters are therefore to all intents and purposes fatherless. Only in the case of about one-fourth of the children is the father returned as having been a supporter of our Institutions, but there are several in which he won distinction in lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge. In 16 cases the father had been a subscribing member to a lodge or lodges for less than 10 years; in the remaining cases he had subscribed for 10 years or upwards.

The election to the

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS

will take place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors and Subscribers, which will be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 10th April, at the hour of 12 noon. The number of candidates on the list is 51, of whom 26 remain from the Election in October, 1895, and the other 25 are new cases, whose names were placed on the list at the Quarterly Court in January. Here, also, the conditions are favourable, but considerably less so than in the case of the Girls' School, as the number to be elected is 28. London furnishes as many as 19 candidates, and has an interest, conjointly with one or more Provinces, in four others. The other 28 boys are sent from the Provinces or Districts Abroad, there being one or two cases in which the youngster has claims upon the support of more than one Province. The first in order on the list of the London candidates

is No. 1, who, during his two years' candidature, has accumulated 1368 votes, while the next are Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6, who were candidates at both the Elections of 1895, and bring forward respectively 1478 votes, 604 votes, 1240 votes, and 478 votes. No. 9, who began his experiences as a candidate last October, has 997 votes to the good, and No. 13 is more fortunate still, the number he brings forward being 2298. No. 20 has 1080 to help him forward, and Nos. 24 and 26, 567 and 152 votes respectively. The remaining nine were placed on the list in January, and rank as Nos. 28, 35, 37, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50, and 51 respectively. Of these, the only boy who will have his name removed from the list on the score of age, in the event of his not obtaining a place among the successful, is No. 35. Of the four lads whose claims are partly of London and partly of Provincial origin, we find Nos. 34 and 38 both hailing from Middlesex; No. 2 (Gloucestershire and London), who, as the result of four previous attempts, brings forward the large number of 2302 votes; and No. 29, who has but this one chance of securing admission into the School, and derives his claims from London and the Provinces of Norfolk and Suffolk. Turning to the Provincial candidates, we note that Kent and Surrey furnish each of them three candidates, the Kent trio being No. 14, who starts with 379 votes polled in October last; No. 19, who has 197 votes in hand; and No. 22, who starts for his last ballot with 264 votes in hand. The Surrey candidates are No. 7, with 1372 votes to his credit from the 1895 Elections; No. 23, with 1093 votes to the good; and No. 25, who is still better circumstanced, with 1605 votes to his credit. There are four Provinces which contribute two candidates, and of these Essex sends No. 8, who has already stood two Elections, and has 455 votes to bring forward; and No. 18, who starts with 43 votes, which were polled for him last October. Lancashire West is responsible for Nos. 31 and 41, who are both new candidates; South Wales (West) for Nos. 10 and 11, twin brothers, of whom the former received 1964, and the latter 1908, votes in October last; and Yorkshire (West) for Nos. 30 and 49, who have had no previous experience of the ballot. As for the rest, we beg to record that No. 12 from Herefordshire, has 11 votes to his credit; No. 15, from Buckinghamshire, 137 votes; No. 16, from Oxfordshire, 662 votes; and No. 17, from Cumberland and Westmorland, 33 votes. The Suffolk youngster, at No. 21, starts with 929 votes; but the remaining candidates are new to the list, and start, therefore—if we may be permitted to use the term—from scratch, namely, No. 27 (West Lancashire and Madras); No. 32 (Argentine Republic); No. 33 (Somersetshire and Wiltshire); No. 36 (Shropshire); Nos. 39 and 40, from North and East Yorkshire and Norfolk respectively; No. 43, from Leicestershire and Rutland; and Nos. 47 and 48, from Somersetshire and Middlesex respectively. Of the total number of lads 43 are fatherless, and one has lost his mother; while one has lost both parents, and six have both parents living. In a very considerable proportion of the cases the fathers had won distinction in lodge and some in Provincial Grand Lodge in addition, but in less than one-fourth of them had the father done service to one or other of our Institutions as Steward or contributor to its funds. In about one-half of the cases the father had been a subscribing member to a lodge or lodges for less than 10 years, and in the other for 10 years or upwards.

It only remains for us to appeal, as usual, to those Governors and Subscribers who are not already committed to the support of any particular candidate or candidates, to give their votes to and exert the influence they possess in behalf of those children—be they girls or boys—who, if they fail at this election, will have their names removed from the lists. These in the case of the Girls' School are Nos. 1, 7, 15, 19, 24, 25, and 29; in that of the Boys' School Nos. 22, 29, and 35. The others can wait; but with these, as we have said in many a previous article of this kind, it is a case of "now or never."

#### A REMARKABLE VOLUME.

The ever active and genial Secretary General of the Supreme Council, 33°, U.S.A. (Southern Jurisdiction), has just issued the Transactions of that most prosperous Organisation—the oldest of its kind—and as the grand volume extends to over 400 pages of closely printed matter, arranged and printed in a perfect manner, and ably edited, it is well worthy of this august Body.

Bro. Thos. H. Caswell is now the Grand Commander, who thus takes the place of the lamented Bro. Philip C. Tucker, who followed my old friend, Dr. James C. Batchelor, whose occupancy of the *chief Chair* of the ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE was sadly brief on succeeding my beloved fellow student, General Pike, the uncrowned King of the Hautes Grades. To lose three Grand Commanders in three years was a terrible trial to the members, and had it not been that they were exceptionally blessed in having so many competent brethren, the severe strain would have been of a still more serious character. Bro. Caswell has the hearty support of the Council as their esteemed Ruler, Bro. Odel S. Long being his trusty Lieutenant-Commander, and Bro. Frederick Webber continues to be the esteemed Sec. General, working day and night sometimes, and always most assiduously for the Rite.

This Volume has the "House of the Temple," Washington, D.C., as frontispiece, and several fine portraits form an attractive feature of the work, the first being a "speaking likeness" of the Grand Commander. Of departed worthies, there are the late Dr. Albert G. Mackey, Sec. Gen.; John R. McDaniel, Henry Buist, John M. Browne, Thomas E. Hatch, and Abraham E. Frankland (born at *Liverpool* in 1831). Also on one plate are all the members of the Supreme Council, the *Nine*, the *Eight*, and the *Twelve*, 29 in all.

The business transacted during the session of five days is duly described, with the allocution addresses and numerous Reports.

An "In Memoriam" service is to be used at the closing of each session, in respect to the cherished memory of Grand Commander Albert Pike. His monument is enshrined "in the hearts and memories of his brethren of the Ancient and Accepted Rite," as was his constant and final wish.

"He has lived;

The fruits of his labors live after him."

The revised statutes are printed in the Appendix. The memorial pages include one in respect to the late General Gerard Noel Money, C.B., who was a member of the S.C. of England and Wales, and died in London, Feb. 11th, 1895.

It is possible we shall soon have a Catalogue published of the famous Library, mainly collected by General Pike, some 75,000 volumes in all.

The Volume is "Dedicated to the revered memory of our late beloved and illustrious Brother Albert Pike, 33°, &c., &c. *If his monument you seek, look at his works.*"

I am very pleased to possess this Volume, so kindly sent me by my good friend and Bro. Frederick Webber.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter for the Province of Yorkshire was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, on Thursday, the 5th inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. T. B. Whytehead in the chair of Prov. Grand Master, in succession to the late lamented Bro. the Rev. W. Valentine, who had held the office for 10 years. The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Haddington, attended for the purpose and was accompanied by the following members of the Grand Lodge of the Order—Bros. Dr. J. Jamieson, Deputy Governor; Dr. G. Dickson, S.G.W.; A. Mitchell, J.G.W.; R. J. Jamieson, Grand Treas.; R. A. Inches, Grand Constable of Tower; and H. B. Ezard, acting G. Guarder.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by the Prov. Grand Master designate, and the deputation from Grand Lodge was received. The chair was taken by Bro. Lord Haddington, and three candidates, Comps. Longford, Swift, and Melrose were advanced to the Order of H.R.D.M., and afterwards promoted to the R.S.Y.C. by the Deputy Governor, Bro. Dr. J. Jamieson. The Prov. Grand Master designate was then presented and his patent of office having been read, he was duly and impressively installed by Bro. the Earl of Haddington.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed as his deputy Bro. Rev. C. E. L. Wright, and the following officers were appointed:

Bro. T. J. Armstrong...	...	...	S.P.G.W.
" J. F. Wilkes ...	...	...	J.P.G.W.
" F. W. Halliwell ...	...	...	P.G. Treas. and Sec.
" C. Hollander ...	...	...	P.G. Std. Br.
" A. T. B. Turner...	...	...	P.G. Marischal.
" T. S. Brogden ...	...	...	P.G. Dep. Marischal.
" W. D. Rudyard ...	...	...	P.G. Exam. and Inst.
" C. Palliser ...	...	...	P.G. Dep. Exam. and Inst.
" Jas. Smith ...	...	...	P.G. Guarder.
" Jas. Robinson ...	...	...	P.G. Steward.

The officers present having taken the oath of allegiance, the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER congratulated the newly-installed Prov. Grand Master on his appointment and said that while he must remind him of the grave responsibilities he had taken upon himself, he felt sure that his appreciation of the dignity attached thereto would prove to be of the best interest to the Order.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER thanked the Deputy Grand Master for the kind words he had used, he felt deeply grateful for the attendance of the Grand Lodge Officers, and the Prov. Grand Secretary would place on record the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge for Bro. Lord Haddington's attendance and for the admirable manner in which the work had been done by the Grand Lodge Officers.

At the close of the proceedings the members adjourned to the North Eastern Hotel, where the host, Bro. Halliwell, Prov. G. Sec., provided an excellent dinner, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in harmony and Masonic converse.

In addition to those already named the following were present: Bros. C. Fendelow, P.G.M. Northumberland, Cumberland, and Durham; F. Schnitger, Prov. G.W. Northumberland, Cumberland, and Durham; J. Chadwick, P.G. Sec. Lancashire and Cheshire; W. H. Cowper, P.P. S.G.W. Yorkshire; W. B. Dyson, P.P.S.G.W. Yorkshire; and J. T. Seller, P.P.S.G.W. Yorkshire.

A large number of apologies for absence were tendered, among others, from Bros. Ashworth, P.G.M. Lancashire and Cheshire; C. F. Matier, P.D.P.G.M. Lancashire and Cheshire, P.G. Sec. London; Lord Bolton-Schuster, P.G. Treas. Lancashire and Cheshire; T. Trevor, P.P.G. Sec. Bombay; W. Brown, P.P.G. Sec. Yorkshire; and others. The Grand Secretary, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, was prevented from attending owing to a severe cold.

**REPORT OF THE HERTS MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1894-5.**

The Committee have much pleasure in reporting that since the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in 1894, they have taken up and carried the cases of three candidates for the Masonic Institutions, viz.:

In October, 1894, for the Boys' School,

(1) Thomas Harold Edward Welch, son of the late Bro. Alfred Welch, of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2136, 6th, with 3188 votes.

(2) Charles Herbert Haddock, son of the late Bro. Samuel Haddock, of the King Henry the Eighth Lodge, No. 1757, 8th with 3147 votes.

Welch has been duly admitted to the School, but Haddock being unable to pass the necessary educational standard, is receiving £20 a year for his education outside the Institution.

In April, 1895, for the Girls' School,

Constance Marian Medcalf, daughter of Bro. James Driver Medcalf, late of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, 9th on the list with 3020 votes.

In consequence of representations made to the Committee by the Hon. Secretary, it was resolved to bring under the notice of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at the meeting at St. Albans, the following recommendations of the Committee:

(1) That on the occasion of an election to any of the Masonic Charities, some member of the lodge interested in, or some personal friend of, the candidate shall be present.

(2) That every lodge wishing to participate in the objects of the Association, should, through its representative, forward its votes to the Secretary to use on behalf of the province.

The following are the amounts contributed by the province to the Charities in 1895:

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, seven Stewards	...	£452	3	6
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, seven Stewards	...	334	19	0
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, eight Stewards	...	333	7	6
Total	...	£1120	10	0

Although eight lodges were not represented at any of the festivals, the amount contributed may be considered creditable to the province.

(Signed) T. F. HALSEY, President.  
CHARLES E. KEYSER, Hon. Secretary.

**ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE EARL OF LATHOM LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1922.**

The annual supper of the above lodge of instruction took place at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, on the 26th ultimo. Present: Bros. J. Andrews, P.M. 1986, Preceptor (in the chair); C. Plant, W.M. 101, Deputy Preceptor, and T. R. Cass, P.M. 1320 (in the vice-chairs); H. Buckeridge, Wm. Beecroft, P.M.; C. Browne, H. Cohen, F. Lloyd, R. W. Cartwright, W. W. Harris, T. T. Harris, W. Orton, R. Rowlands, F. Webster, W. Hill, E. A. Rice, G. W. Niblett, H. A. Stunt, J. Hooper, E. J. Strevens, Freeman, W. Lord, Carpenter, H. C. Turner, J. S. Pointon, E. J. S. Ware, J. H. Stevenson, A. R. Jackson, W. A. Perry, G. Herridge, A. Runacres, J. A. Gaze, W. H. Harper, J. H. Heath, Palmer, A. Chadderton, G. Grove, T. H. Harden, W. H. Bathurst, Fitch, Winney, F. Hall, Sargent, R. Weller, Thorp, W. F. Riches, F. H. Coombs, and Hy. Cornford, the energetic Secretary, through whose indefatigable exertions such a large assemblage met, thereby proving the value of this successful lodge of instruction under the management of such permanent officers.

An excellent supper was provided by Bro. R. Weller, P.M., Treasurer, the worthy host, who personally attended and ministered capitably to the wants of the brethren.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured,

The President, Bro. ANDREWS, gave the toast of "Success to the Mother Lodge," through whose kindness they were able to carry out their various duties in the lodge of instruction.

This was very ably responded to by Bro. GAZE, W.M. 1922, who thanked the brethren for such a reception, and congratulated the lodge of instruction upon the excellent and proficient workers it was turning out.

The toast of the evening—that of "Success to the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction"—was proposed by Bro. BUCKERIDGE, who dilated on the many advantages it offered to the brethren, and the number present proved the estimation in which the Preceptor, Bro. Andrews, P.M., was held.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

Bro. ANDREWS, in reply, most cordially thanked the brethren, and heartily congratulated them upon the signal success of the lodge. He had had strong and

hearty support and sympathy from the brethren during the past year, and if that same cordiality existed among them, he had every confidence that it would become one of the best in South London.

The toast of "The Permanent Officers—Deputy Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary"—was next proposed by Bro. ANDREWS, and was most cordially received.

Bro. C. PLANT, W.M. 101, stated the pride he felt in being the Deputy Preceptor of such a lodge of instruction, and allowing him to take his share of the work in advancing its usefulness. His desire was to be long spared, and his connection unbroken for many years, and that the lodge would continue to go on in the same prosperous manner.

Bro. H. CORNFORD, Sec., thanked the brethren for their kind appreciation of his services, which, he assured them, was a labour of love, and his desire was that anything he could do to benefit the lodge, the brethren could depend upon him using his most strenuous efforts to gain that object. What he had done with respect to the supper, he did ungrudgingly, and he was most ably assisted by a willing band of Stewards, hence the thorough success.

Bro. ANDREWS proposed the toast of "Success to the Kindred Lodges of Instruction."

Bros. CASS, P.M., for Blackheath Lodge; ROWLANDS, P.M., for Skelmersdale Lodge; HOOPER, P.M., for Alexandra Palace Lodge; and NIBLETT, for Rose Lodge, very ably responded.

The toast of "The Energetic Stewards" was proposed by Bro. ANDREWS, P.M., and Bro. E. A. RICE, S.W. 1320, very cordially replied, in appropriate terms.

"The Worthy Host, Bro. Weller, P.M.," was next given in happy terms, and he was congratulated upon the excellent manner he had provided for the brethren, which had added greatly to the evening's enjoyment.

In reply, Bro. WELLER stated the gratification he felt in giving satisfaction, which would always be his aim to every brother in the lodge.

A very lengthy programme of music was carried out, under the direction of Bro. Harper, P.M., ably assisted by Bros. Jackson, Stunt, Thorp, Harrison, Plant, Rowlands, H. Cohen (reciter), and the "Mandoline and Banjo Troupe," which greatly added to the harmony of the evening.

**THE RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

The following lists and additions to lists have been received since our report of last week.

Chapter.	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
25	Comp. William Land, additional .. (raising his list to £55 13s.)	...	2	2 0
Lodge.				
141	Bro. Rob. Thos. Godfray, additional .. (raising his list to £52 10s.)	...	5	5 0
145	" H. Kinder Cheese, additional .. (raising his list to £56 16s.)	...	8	8 0
1288	" W. H. Pocklington, additional .. (raising his list to £57 13s.)	...	5	5 0
1366	" James Terry, additional .. (raising his list to £199 6s.)	...	11	11 0
Lodge of Instruction.				
1677	Bro. Lambert Perry, additional .. (raising his list to £50 5s.)	...	5	5 0
	PROVINCES.			
	MIDDLESEX.			
Lodge				
1293	Bro. Fred. A. Orr, additional .. (raising his list to £71 8s.)	...	1	1 0
1567	" E. J. Taylor, additional .. (raising his list to £28 7s.)	...	2	2 0
1597	" Robert Thomson, additional .. (raising his list to £63 10s.)	...	1	1 0
2048	" W. A. Scurrah, additional .. (raising his list to £71 17s.)	...	1	17 0
2087	" Edward May, additional .. (raising his list to £42 4s.)	...	2	2 0

We have also been requested to state that the Lebanon Chapter, No. 1326, Middlesex, placed £10 10s. on the list of Bro. Harper.

The following alterations have been made, namely:

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Bro. W. Briggs transferred from London, Unattached, to this Province, his list raising the total for the Province to £101 15s.

NORFOLK.

Bro. W. P. Eversley, Steward for Lodge No. 10, London, included in his list of £60 8s. a sum of £35 14s., which properly belongs to the Province of Norfolk. Accordingly his list for the London lodge is reduced to £24 14s., while the £35 14s. is transferred to Norfolk, and removes it from the Unrepresented to the Represented Provinces.

**Craft Masonry.**

**Moira Lodge, No. 92.**

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 25th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bros. M. A. Tweedie, W.M.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, S.W.; G. Greiner, P.M., as J.W.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., D.G.R., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; J. Webb, S.D.; C. E. Russell, J.D.; J. M. Mitchell, I.P.M.; Bertram Noakes, P.M.; W. Bohm, P.M.; E. Greiner, P.M.; J. P. Murrough, and A. W. Smith. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Partridge, P.M. 1974; C. Mussared, 1839; and J. S. Pattillo, Truro Lodge, No. 43, Truro, Nova Scotia.

After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. Arthur W. Smith was raised to the Third Degree, and the business concluded with the report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted.

The customary banquet followed, and the names of the three visitors were coupled with the toast of their health.

In the course of his response, Bro. Pattillo said: About the year 1857, my father's only brother, Captain Joseph B. Pattillo, then a young man of about 25 years of age, was given his first command, that of a new brigantine sailing from Liverpool, Nova Scotia, to the West Indies, with a cargo of lumber and produce. After discharging he was obliged to wait, like many others, some time for a return cargo. His vessel had been lying in the harbour for several days, and a number of other ships were moored in the immediate vicinity, amongst them being one commanded by an old English captain. With this person my uncle had become very friendly, owing in great part to their having exchanged greetings as brother Masons. It happened during Captain Pattillo's absence on shore, that a severe squall sprang up suddenly (as frequently occurs in these latitudes), and his vessel being without sufficient ballast, was thrown over on her beam ends. This, of course, attracted the notice of the old English captain, who, without loss of time, gave from the masthead of his own ship a signal of distress, such as is only allowed to be used when there is imminent danger. There was an immediate response to the signal from nearly every vessel in the harbour. Both boats and men were at hand quickly. The old captain took command of the disabled craft, and when my

uncle arrived, all hands were engaged in stripping her. The former asked Captain Pattillo's permission to finish what had been begun, and suggested that he himself should also work under his instructions, which was readily agreed to. The vessel was then righted, the water pumped out, the masts and rigging set up, and the sails bent on, after which she was handed over to her proper commander in as good a condition as before the accident. My uncle, of course, expected to pay the entire charges, and you may, therefore, judge of his surprise, when it was intimated to him that he would not be allowed to pay anything at all, as every ship's crew which had assisted, was officered to some extent by brother Masons. There were, indeed, some slight bills for outside work, which he paid, but had such an accident befallen him in the ordinary way, or, in other words, if he had not been befriended by the brotherhood, for every cent actually expended out of his own purse, he would have had to pay at least a dollar. The pleasing incident was, of course, duly reported to his lodge by Captain Pattillo, on returning to Nova Scotia, and a full account of the whole matter duly appears in the minutes of that body.

Other toasts followed, and were interspersed with some very excellent music and singing, which rendered the evening a most enjoyable one.

### Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on the 5th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bro. T. W. Fisher, W.M., presided, and there were present Bros. R. Sarson, S.W. and W.M. elect; A. J. Holmes, J.W.; T. Selby Henrey, Chap.; Thos. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; Hy. Legge, P.M., Sec.; C. Garton, S.D.; William Baker, J.D.; C. Couchman, Tyler; Jas. Smith, P.M.; George Abbott, P.M.; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; F. Hughes, P.M.; J. M. Mower, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; G. F. J. Goodes, P.M.; W. T. Rickwood, P.M.; B. Perkins, P.M.; J. G. Robeson, J. Collins, S. Rippin, J. C. Peach, T. Stokes, A. J. Rippin, W. J. Lockett, W. J. Fishleigh, F. H. Farr, W. Lloyd, R. J. Dart, T. Barker, R. A. Martyn, T. J. D. Bevan, F. J. Doody, A. Fergusson, R. F. Roche, C. C. Welch, Professor Simmonds, Pearson, F. A. Pitt, Frank R. Kenning, T. J. Crawshaw, and E. G. Johnson. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Balfour Cockburn, M.D., Prov. G.M. Guernsey and Alderney; John Newton, F.R.A.S., G. Purst; James Morrison McLeod, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I. Boys; J. K. Pitt, 463, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; J. Mansfield, 871; F. Joy, 1426; E. E. Robinson, 1421; C. Berridge, 2565; S. Fortescue, 2472; H. Fortescue, 2472; J. Kershaw, 29; W. C. Thomas, 65; J. Medwin, 1613; Capt. Folsom, 1604; D. Harlow, 65; H. Bond, 1314; E. W. Price, 2513; J. Gale, 1695; E. A. J. Breed, 811; D. L. Gould, 2005; W. Meadows, 1571; E. Stimson, 2395; H. Calton, 2000; C. S. Myers, 850 and 2546; W. J. Greig, 65; R. Peachey, 1922; R. Evans, 862; W. Greig, 299; F. H. Hare, 172; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed and the report of the Audit Committee adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes, Bros. Lockett, Fishleigh, Collins, Farr, and Lloyd were passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. Pitt and Peirson initiated. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Cohu, P.M., and Bro. Sarson, having been presented and taken the prescribed obligation, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Sarson installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Cohu with his accustomed ability. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year, namely: Bro. T. W. Fisher, I.P.M.; A. J. Holmes, S.W.; C. Garton, J.W.; Thos. Cohu, P.M., Treas., Stwd.; H. Legge, P.M., Sec.; William Baker, S.D.; the Rev. T. Selby Henrey, Chap. and J.D.; J. G. Robeson, I.G.; Jas. Smith, P.M., D.C.; Thos. Stokes, A.D.C.; and C. Couchman, Tyler. On a motion made by Bro. H. Legge, P.M., a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted and presented to Bro. Fisher, I.P.M.; while, on a motion by the same Past Master, it was unanimously agreed that a sum of 10 guineas be placed on Bro. Fisher's list as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The brethren then dined together, the menu being worthy of the hostelry, while the new manager, Bro. W. G. Feneley, was most attentive, and personally superintended the carrying out of his arrangements.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," being responded to by Bros. J. B. Cockburn, Prov. G.M. Guernsey and Alderney, and John Newton, F.R.A.S., G. Purst.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., replied, in eloquent terms, to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and those of "The W.M.," "The Visitors," "The Initiates," and "The Installing Master and Past Masters of the Lodge" were also most cordially greeted, and briefly, but suitably, acknowledged.

A most excellent programme of music by the Celia Quartette—Bros. W. Hiles-Smith, David James, J. L. Haddon, and Sidney Galey—assisted by Bro. A. J. Rippin, and with Bro. Chatterton as accompanist, added very materially to the pleasure of the after-dinner proceedings, several of the glees, part songs, &c., being admirably rendered and heartily applauded.

### St. George's Lodge, No. 242.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in St. George's Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 6th instant. Present: Bros. J. H. Pawson, W.M.; C. H. Woodhouse, I.P.M.; R. Bridge, S.W.; F. H. Buckland, J.W.; F. Rand, Treas.; H. C. White, Sec.; G. Smith, S.D.; W. W. Peacock, J.D. and Almoner; F. Webb, D.C.; J. W. Turner, acting I.G.; F. Duff, Organist; H. Foster and S. B. Castle, Stwds.; J. Mason, Tyler; C. Richardson, Assistant Tyler; C. Goldthorpe, Charity Steward; J. Fitzgerald, H. W. Hardy, J. W. S. Taylor, J. W. Chapman, T. Sanderson, F. Hastie, J. F. Hanson, and W. Goodair. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable, Sec. 2259; and J. Hainsworth, 1648.

Bro. J. W. Chapman was passed to the Degree of a F.C. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Bridge and Buckland. Bro. Pawson announced that Prov. Grand Lodge will be held under the banner of 242 at Doncaster on the 22nd of April, and that the Mayor has kindly offered the Mansion House for the auspicious occasion.

The brethren afterwards partook of light refreshment in the ante-room.

### Dobie Lodge, No. 889.

On Monday, the 2nd instant, an emergency meeting was held at Kingston Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, to clear the way for the installation meeting, when work was done in the Three Degrees. Pending the arrival of Bro. Tom Wilkinson, W.M., Bro. Chapman, P.M., opened the lodge, and raised Bro. Alfred Burgoine to the Degree of M.M. He then gave way to another Past Master—Bro. Hayward—who advanced Bros. Boswell and Consellis to the F.C. Degree, after which the W.M. assumed control, and initiated Mr. F. J. L. Gaydon (eldest son of one of the oldest members of the lodge), and Mr. H. W. Packham, making 11 candidates who have passed under his hand during his year of office.

### Newall Lodge, No. 1134.

A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester. Present: Bros. Waterhouse, W.M.; R. W. Martin, S.W.; J. Green, J.W.; J. Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. Waring, P.M., Sec.; A. K. Boothroyd, P.M., S.D.; W. H. Browne, J.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., P.G.D.C., D.C.; W. E. Hands, I.G.; B. Eckersley, P.M., acting Org.; M. Oiver, Steward; E. H. Flower, P.M., P.G. Tyler, Tyler; C. Driver, I.P.M.; E. Webb, P.M.; J. W. Nichols, P.M.; W. Mallinson, W. L. T. Ekrigge, J. Parkinson, S. O. Samuels, F. Brierley, J. Robinson, R. C. Gray, T. H. Drew, and J. Holt. Visitors: Bros. J. Cliffe, P.M. 204, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Kay, I.G. 2156; A. Grundy, 1345; W. Wrigley, 815; J. M. Teal, W.M. 2359; P. Gaskill, W.M. 163; and H. White, S.W. 1126.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Waring, P.M., Sec., assumed the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a remarkably clever and impressive manner. Bro. E. Webb, P.M., then rehearsed the ceremony of the Second Degree with his usual ability.

The lodge was closed, after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the visitors present.

For the first time ladies were invited to the social board, 29 being present.

### Ebury Lodge, No. 1348.

The installation meeting of this lodge, which was very numerous attended, was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, on the 25th ult. Bro. Fred. W. Stephens, who has for the past year filled the office of W.M., opened the lodge, and was supported by Bros. J. T. Davies, P.M., W.M. elect; T. Neal, J.W.; W. C. Wigley, P.M., Treas.; H. Fincham, P.M., Sec.; Harry Morris, S.D.; Alf. Atkin, J.D.; C. Botterill, I.G.; Mark Attwood, Org.; W. Fowles, P.M.; J. Warren, P.M.; M. Bristow, I.P.M.; John Osmond, P.M.; and others. The visitors, who numbered 40, included Bros. G. H. Bassett, P.M. 1579; H. Roberts, I.P.M. 765; G. Wallace, P.M. 907; Moss Chapman, W.M. 619; H. J. Garland, P.M. 1728; G. P. Pointer, P.M. 1613; N. Salmon, P.M. 177; J. W. Murray, W.M. 2426; H. W. Parker, W.M. 2048; R. H. Blatchford, P.M. 1156; S. Wright, I.P.M. 2426; D. J. Ross, P.M. 862; H. Hodgson, P.M. 1613; Wm. Roots, P.M. 1273; J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1567; W. E. Wigmore, P.M. 177; and others.

The minutes were confirmed and a most satisfactory audit report was produced and adopted. The lodge has, during the past few years, greatly increased in popularity, due not only to the good working in the lodge but to the very excellent musical talent possessed by a larger number of its members that is generally found to exist in most lodges. Bro. Charles Robert Austin, 2262, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bros. Fred. Payne and Harry G. A. Nash were raised to the Degree of M.M. in a most impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. John Osmond, P.M., then assumed the chair and installed Bro. Jesse T. Davies, P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of a great number of installed Masters. The following officers were appointed for the years 1896-7, and duly invested, viz.: Bro. Fred. W. Stephens, I.P.M.; T. Neal, S.W.; Harry Morris, J.W.; Alf. Atkin, S.D.; C. Botterill, J.D.; J. Hollard, I.G.; Mark Attwood, Org.; T. Dival, D.C.; Frank Clark and C. Stuart Walker, Stwds.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. Ten guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to be placed on the list of Bro. Walter Harvey, a member of the lodge and its representative at the recent festival. It was announced that this sum completed the endowment of the three principal chairs as Life Governors, and that now the other officers in the lodge would, in rotation, be similarly endowed. Letters were received from Bros. Stiles, Grand Treas., and W. H. Bailey, Grand Treas. elect, regretting their inability, owing to previous engagements, to attend, and Bro. Geo. Reynolds, P.M. 1614, also wrote stating that owing to recent illness he was unable to be present. A proposition was received and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where a *recherché* banquet, for which great credit was due to Bro. Mantel, the manager, under whose personal superintendence it was admirably served.

An especially interesting programme of music and entertainment had been arranged by Bro. Mark Attwood, Org., comprising the following well-known artistes: Bro. Fred. W. Stephens, I.P.M.; Fred Russell, A. Atkin, Stuart Walker, and Madame Alice Lovenez and Miss Jessie McLaren—the latter is the daughter of one of the Past Masters of the lodge and a pupil of the late Mr. Carrodus.

The usual toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." were duly honoured, the W.M. making a feeling and sympathetic reference to the loss sustained by the lamented death of his Royal Highness Prince Henry of Battenberg.

Bro. Fred Stephens, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and reviewed the very excellent work which Bro. J. S. Davies, P.M., had done not only in that (his mother) lodge, but also in the district of Wood Green, where he was instrumental in founding Lodge No. 2426, and had taken a most active part in the lodge of instruction attached thereto, of which he was Preceptor. Bro. Stephens added that the brethren of the Ebury were delighted to welcome at their festive board "the Wood Green contingent"—some dozen brethren—who were present that evening, and assured them that the members of the Ebury Lodge joined with them in the opinion of the high esteem in which Bro. Davies was held, both as a friend and a brother Mason.

Bro. J. T. Davies, P.M., who was received with quite an ovation, thanked Bro. Stephens and the brethren generally for the kind words in which reference had been made respecting him and as to his work in the Craft, and gave his assurance that the duties of the office of W.M. of the Ebury should be performed to the very best of his ability, and that he felt very proud of the great honour of having attained the office of W.M. of his mother lodge.

The toast of "The Initiates, Bros. C. Herridge and G. D. Bain," having been duly honoured, and suitably responded to by both those brethren,

The W.M. gave "The I.P.M.," stating that Bro. Fred Stephens was well known not only to the brethren of the lodge, but to very many of the visitors, owing to the advantage he obtained in his professional capacity of becoming acquainted with brethren in the Masonic world. The W.M. had no hesitation in stating that there was a general agreement that a better and more deserving brother never breathed, and that he was one in every way worthy of esteem. As a slight recognition of the very satisfactory way in which he had performed the duties of W.M. for the past year, and as a token of the regard and esteem of the brethren, they desired to present him (Bro. Stephens) with a jewel, which Bro. Davies placed on his breast with the earnest hope that Bro. Stephens might be spared many years to wear it with credit to himself and as an ornament of his year of office.

Bro. Fred. Stephens, I.P.M., heartily thanked the W.M. for his remarks, and the brethren generally for so generous a mark of their approval of his efforts. He had hoped to have installed his successor into the chair, but domestic trouble had prevented him devoting the time necessary for the preparation of the ritual, and as on other occasions, his good friend, Bro. John Osmond, P.M. of the lodge, had come to his assistance, to whom he desired to express his grateful thanks.

The following replied for "The Visitors," viz.: Bros. Murray, W.M. 145; H. W. Parker, W.M. 2048; J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1567; Blatchford, P.M. 1196; Wigmore, I.P.M. 177; and Hodgson, P.M. 1613, all of whom expressed themselves as highly gratified at the working in the lodge, and to the kindly reception accorded to them at the banquet table.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Osmond, and the other Past Masters of the Lodge, including the Treasurer and Secretary." As regards the duties so kindly undertaken in assistance of the W.M. by Bro. Osmond as Installing Master, the W.M. considered that the manner in which such had been performed redounded immensely to the credit of that brother, and was to the great delight and satisfaction of every brother present at the ceremony.

Bros. Fowles and Bristow responded for the Past Masters, and Bro. Fincham, P.M. and Sec., in the name of Bro. Wigley, Treas., and himself, acknowledged the kind words in which they had been referred to by the W.M., and added that both felt a pleasure that the work which they performed very willingly for the lodge was so appreciated.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" was duly responded to, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings at a late hour.

### Henley Lodge, No. 1472.

The installation meeting of the above powerful and flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, and was both an interesting and enjoyable one, on account of the number of eminent metropolitan and local Masons present, and the excellent working of the Installing Officer and new Master in their several offices. Invitations were sent to the Masters and Wardens of Nos. 13, 700, 1076, 1536, and 2399, all of whom were present or represented by one or more Past Masters or lay brethren of the lodge.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Delo, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Messrs. M. Moses and H. Woodward, and, proving unanimous, they were ultimately initiated by the incoming W.M. Bro. F. A. Reeve, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course Bro. Reeve was installed and saluted. He invested his officers as follows: Bros. John I. Delo, I.P.M.; W. Turvey, S.W.; J. Palmer, J.W.; C. H. Canning, P.M., P.M. and Treas. 2184, P.P.J.G.D. Essex, Treas.; Chas. Jolly, P.M., W.M. 2184, Sec.; W. Baker, S.D.; T. Lait, J.D.; Edward Morgan, I.G.; D. Ross, D.C.; S. Chaplin, A.D.C.; T. Welsh, A. McNair, R. Stephenson, and C. Carter, Stwds.; and W. Redmond, Org. Bro. Delo then gave the addresses most impressively, and so concluded the ceremony of installation. The W.M. commenced his reign by initiating the two candidates in a careful manner. Bro. Delo was presented with a Past Master's jewel of the value of 10 guineas, and it was resolved "that a vote of thanks should be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, a copy of which should be illuminated on vellum, suitably mounted, and framed, at a cost not exceeding five guineas, and presented to him at the next meeting of the lodge," for which Bro. Delo returned his sincere thanks. Bro. C. H. Canning, P.M., Treas., having served the latter office for the term of five years, was, according to custom in the Henley Lodge,

presented with a handsome Treasurer's jewel, of the value of six guineas, as a mark of the esteem of the brethren and their appreciation of his services to the lodge during the above-mentioned period, for which he returned his heartfelt thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of 91, went by special train to Fenchurch-street Station, and from thence to the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C., where a superb banquet was served to them by, and under the personal supervision of, the esteemed and courteous manager, Bro. Start.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Dr. W. Vance, P.M.; Jas. Elder, P.M.; A. T. Ives, P.M.; A. Knight, P.M.; C. Dowling, P.M.; B. C. Curtis, P.M.; A. Manning, P.M., Hon. P.M. 1437, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; E. Rodwell, E. Stubbs, W. Dodge, F. Andrew, J. Pettitt, W. Harris, T. Andrews, W. Richardson, R. Alabaster, A. Silk, G. Plume, W. Derbyshire, J. Ward, H. Painter, C. Hiscock, T. Neasby, J. Power, E. McNicoll, T. W. Smith, A. Wren, H. Jackson, W. Ball, C. Davidson, H. Barwick, C. Barwick, G. Lett, H. Alexander, C. West, and E. J. Silk, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. J. M. Longley, P.M. 299, P.P.J.G.W. Kent, C. W. Killick, P.M. 169, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, W. A. Anson, W.M., A. McQueen, J.W., J. Brown, and A. Saunders, all of 13; G. R. Nicols, W.M., G. H. Porter, S.W., H. Pamman, J.W., S. E. Southgate, P.M., W. Long, J.D., and J. Plume, all of 700; A. Hoxley and G. Laurance, of 913; G. W. Ingle, W.M., R. Fowler, S.W., and R. Anderson, all of 1536; J. Lee, W.M., F. Hutley, S.W., and H. Crowdy, J.W., all of 2399; W. J. Coplestone, P.M. 824; C. J. Doyley Mears, P.M. 1076; D. Naphthali, 1349; G. Roby, P.M. 1804; H. Grimsdale, I.G. 2549; A. Ingram, J.D. 2278; Harvey, 1326; W. Thompson, 904; E. W. Vallon, I.G. 615; A. Stapley, 1127; and others.

The first toast was that of "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with acclamation, Bro. McQueen singing the National Anthem, and the brethren joining in heartily.

The next was that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of the Order," with a real good Henley fire, Bro. A. J. Manning singing "God bless the Prince of Wales," with a full chorus, that shook the room with its sonorous volume.

These toasts were followed by those of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master," and "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," both of which received their full meed of honour.

The toast of "The W.M." followed, and in giving it Bro. Delo, I.P.M., said he felt sure the brethren appreciated their Worshipful Master's love for Masonry and his earnest desire for the prosperity of the Henley Lodge. For himself, he was certain that Bro. Reeve would so discharge his duty that at the end of his year of office they would be bound to admit that the prestige of the Henley Lodge had not suffered, but rather had increased under his rule.

The W.M., in response, said briefly that he certainly should endeavour to come up to the estimate so kindly taken of him by Bro. Delo, especially as he was sure of the hearty support of every brother of the lodge.

The next toast was that of "The Installing Officer," and Bro. Delo, in response to a hearty reception of it, said he truly felt unable to find words sufficient to thank them for their gratifying reception of the toast. If his feeble efforts to install his successor met with their approbation that was his reward. It had always been his ambition to fill the office of Installing Officer, and he must take that opportunity of thanking Bro. Ives, P.M., for the valuable assistance rendered him in acquiring a perfect knowledge of the ritual.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. C. Jolly and B. C. Curtis, the W.M. speaking more especially of the universal pleasure felt by every brother present at Bro. Jolly's recovery from his long and dangerous illness, a sentiment that found full corroboration when the veteran rose to respond, the applause which greeted him and his brother Past Masters being loud, and continued for some minutes.

Bro. Jolly, in response, thanked the W.M. and brethren for their continued kindness to him both at the lodge and on the bed of sickness and suffering. The kindly expression of their sympathy, so fully conveyed to him by the various brethren who had visited him during his illness, had been not only consolatory but gratifying, as it proved to him that whatever might have been his faults in the past, and they were many, the true spirit of Masonry and brotherly love still prevailed, and warmed the hearts of his brethren towards him in his affliction. He was proud to say that from every lodge in the district he had received the kindest tokens of regard and sympathy, so much so, that the memory of it would never be effaced from his heart. With respect to the Past Masters, he considered it the duty of their representative, whoever it might be, especially upon such occasions as the present, to nominate them as "the backbone of the lodge," unless a Past Master, in responding, or the W.M., in proposing the toast, made use of that expression, there was a hiatus—a "missing" word, indeed, that left in the minds of all present a "taste of absence." He was proud to say that he knew the Past Masters deserved that title, and so long as the lodge was in existence, he had no doubt that a succession of "backbones" would be always ready to bend beneath the heavy responsibility, and discharge their duty in promoting the peace, harmony, and prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Carter briefly responded, and assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to do all that Bro. Jolly claimed as the duties and responsibilities of those who had the honour of being P.M. of the Henley Lodge.

"The Initiates" were toasted and responded to, and then the toast of "The Visitors" followed.

Bro. Longley, in responding, said, on behalf of the lodge, he had the honour to represent, he thanked them most heartily for their reception of the toast, for he could assure them that he very much appreciated the greeting that had been accorded him that day. That was not the first time he had had the pleasure of visiting the Henley Lodge, the first of which visits he should never forget, as it cost him one of the most anxious 20 minutes or so that he had ever passed in his life. The ferryboat that had to convey them across the river from North to South Woolwich had gone, and as Bro. Powling and himself had to get to Dartford that night, and as their train at Woolwich Arsenal would not wait for them, they had to engage a small boat and row across the river. There they were battling the elements for half an hour, and it was only by the assistance of T.G.A.O.T.U. that they at last got a footing on terra firma. He spoke highly of the work done by the Installing Officer, and of the careful work of the W.M., and could safely predict that the W.M.'s year of office would be a successful one. Then, with regard to the Fourth Degree, it was all the most fastidious palate might require, and so long as he had an opportunity, so long would he be glad to accept their splendid hospitality and good Masonry all through, nor while both were so well done would they ever want for visitors.

Bros. Anson, Nichols, Ingle, Lee, Mears, and Killick, also responded to the toast. The toast of "The Officers" followed, and then Bro. Tijou, P.G. Purst. England, was announced, and was heartily greeted, and in response to an unanimous call, gave a lengthy and brilliant address on the Masonic Charities, showing the immense strides made, more especially the Masonic Charity Associations at the east-end of the Metropolis in the case of Charity.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were enhanced by a cornet solo by Bro. Arderton, and anaphylode solo by Bro. Alexander, and some good songs by Bros. H. Barwick, Fowler, Anson, and others.

#### Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 12th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. W. Fisher, P.M. 1512, P.P.G.C.I., W.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas., as S.W.; A. Brown, J.W.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B., Sec.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Dr. J. W. Hinton, M.A., P.P.G.O., S.D.; H. Bright, J.D.; Dr. Wynne Jones, I.G.; E. W. Davis, I.P.M.; A. Toulmin, jun., P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Harrison, Tyler; and E. H. Tompsett.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. E. H. Tompsett was passed to the Second Degree. The by-laws were then read. The names of two brethren who were considerably in arrear were excluded from the list of members. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Macchi, E. Clark, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and a banquet followed, the W.M. giving a few toasts. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. mentioned the fact that the I.P.M. would represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Bros. J. T. Briggs, P.M., and A. Brown, J.W., were also Stewards, so that No. 1503 would be well represented.

Bros. E. W. Davis and J. T. Briggs acknowledged the toast. Bros. Brown, Dr. Hinton, H. Bright, and Dr. Jones responded on behalf of "The Officers."

#### Hemming Lodge, No. 1512.

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 20th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. G. J. Tagg, W.M.; W. Hopkins, S.W.; P. Cronin, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B., Sec.; C. Wheatley, J.D.; C. F. Davis, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., P.G.S.B., D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., W. Hill, and H. Bright, Stewards; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.T.; and J. W. Clarke, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. S. A. M. Gilbert, and, it proving to be unanimous, he was duly initiated by Bro. J. W. Clarke, the ceremony being well performed. The resignations of Bro. E. Clark, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., and C. Brooke were received with regret. The lodge passed a vote of exclusion on two of its members. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. E. H. Trotter, I.P.M.; A. F. Scholding, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed. The W.M. gave the different toasts in a quiet yet effective manner. Bro. George Ransford responded on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers," and Bro. W. Spearing for "The Past Masters."

The W.M. gave "The Masonic Charities," and coupled the name of Bro. W. Fisher, P.M., with the toast.

Bro. Fisher, in responding, expressed a hope that the brethren would, to the best of their ability, support Bro. Trotter's list as Steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Provincial Grand Master—its President at the next Festival—was supported by every lodge in the province, and he (the speaker) hoped that an exceptional sum would be subscribed by Middlesex.

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour. During the evening several of the brethren, vocally and instrumentally, entertained the lodge.

#### Agricola Lodge, No. 1991.

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Castlegate, York, on the 24th ult., when the W.M., Bro. J. W. Dow, presided over a numerous gathering of members and visitors. The W.M. was supported by his officers as follows: Bro. David Young, I.P.M.; R. Spence, S.W.; George H. Stott, J.W.; James P. Gill, Sec.; Geo. Woolford, S.D.; R. B. Gray, J.D.; John Riley, D.C.; H. Masser, A.D.C.; T. F. Walton, Org.; John H. Hill, I.G.; E. A. Robinson, J. S. Burnet, Thos. Leatham, and R. Rook, Stwds.; Capt. F. Hewson, P.M., P.D.S.G.D. Malta; John E. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. S. Child, P.P.G.O.; J. Buckle, T. Thompson, J. Press, J. R. Thompson, T. B. Le Seelleur, and T. Laverack. Visitors: Bros. J. Sykes Rymer, P.M. 236, P.P.G. Reg.; S. Border, P.M. 236; George Balmford, P.M. 1611; Scott, 1611; Arthur Shoemith, 1611; Harry Jackson, 971; and W. N. Stimpson, 236.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. J. S. Rymer, P.P.G. Registrar, &c., gave a descriptive account of his experiences of the working of several American lodges, and he made several useful suggestions with regard to Masons travelling, especially as to introductions to Masonic lodges abroad. On the motion of Bro. Captain Hewson, seconded by Bro. J. E. Wilkinson, and supported by the S.W. and J.W., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Rymer for his address. In the course of some routine business, it was arranged that the annual soiree and ball in connection with the lodge should take place on the 16th April next. The lodge was then closed.

#### Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 5th inst. Present: Bros. W. H. Rylands, A.G.D.C., as W.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., as I.P.M.; C. Kupferschmidt, A.G.S. for Foreign Correspondence, S.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; S. T. Klein, S.D.; E. Conder, jun., I.G.; and Admiral A. H. Markham, D.G.M. Malta, as J.W.; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bro. G. Bailey, W. Makein, E. G. Spiers, R. J. Ward, W. Hasberry, Rev. A. G. Lennox-Robertson, J. Rush, T. Coahu, Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.M. Guernsey; H. Tipper, A.G.P.; H. Hapgood, G. J. Taylor, W. G. Poole, H. G. Thompson, J. D. Burnie, C. N. Knight, H. W. Tharp, W. C. Barnes, C. H. Barnes, J. W. Barnes, C. B. Barnes, W. Rogers, B. Dansie, W. Pile, W. Briant, W. A. Tharp, C. H. Bestow, A. W. Dennis, M. Pulvermann, R. A. Gowan, B. H. Brough, J. Leach Barrett, Rev. W. J. Horsley, W. R. Kirkman, J. W. Aplin, J. Wakelin, W. Lake, G. W. Capel, J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D. of C.; J. Passmore Edwards, J. Thompson, A. Bruce, E. C. Stimson, F. W. Mitchell, A. Fish, S. R. Baskett, E. Armitage, Major G. R. Hobbs, Dr. R. T. Cooper, H. B. Papenfus, Hamon le Strange, P.G.D.; W. H. Colman, G. Greiner, F. Hallows, J. J. Hall, C. A. Hardwick, H. B. Chamberlin, Dr. C. L. Tuckey, J. A. Tharp, R. Ortwell, and F. Bird. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Baker, J.W. 1892; W. P. Bianchi, J.W. 49; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; G. V. Skinner, 2434; R. P. Ellis, W.M. 2242; H. Hastings Jones, 2057; Rev. W. Cunningham, 859; J. B. Dixon, D.C. 2513; and Dr. T. D. Savill, 2033.

The new members admitted to the Correspondence Circle comprised the following three corporate bodies and 67 brethren, viz.: Reading Masonic Library, Reading; Supreme Council, 33<sup>rd</sup>, of Canada, Hamilton; Fidalgo Lodge, No. 77, Anacortes, Washington, U.S.A.; T. Renfree, 23, Ballarat, Victoria; W. F. Riley, 2365, Longreach, W. Wilson, 811 (S.C.), Howard, D. W. Hastings, 819 (S.C.), Townsville, J. S. Cunningham, 1596, Charters Towers, J. M. L. Bruce, P.M. 2235, Gladstone, H. Robinson and R. Sinclair, 316 (S.C.), Gympie, J. E. Trude, W.M. 2119, and J. W. Wood, P.M. 435 (S.C.), Brisbane, W. E. Wilson, 2413, and G. A. E. Allom and G. D. Cox, 775 (S.C.), Toowoomba, all in Queensland; T. Eastcott, 40 (N.Z.C.), Nelson, and J. F. Logan, P.G. Treas. Auckland, both in New Zealand; G. C. H. Gunther, 1198, Madras, and F. N. Wright, P.M. 2599, Ghazipur, India; S. Brooks, 1591 (S.C.), Kimberley, South Africa; H. H. Cochran, Jagersfontein, Orange Free State; T. J. Ballantine, Peoria, Illinois; G. H. Keyes, G.W., Ellendale, North Dakota; G. W. Hyde, P.M. 41, Gainesville, Florida; E. Mooers, 79, Duluth, Minnesota; F. P. Beerend, Dep. M. Jena, Germany; E. T. Collins, P.M. 47 (I.C.); S. A. O. Fitzpatrick, 1 (I.C.); I. Molloy, P.M. 33 (I.C.); G. S. Fayle, 33 (I.C.); A. E. Mills, 4 (I.C.); T. E. Hudman, 53 (I.C.); F. W. Crossley, 250 (I.C.); A. J. Callaghan, 357 (I.C.); J. T. Ray, P.M. 620 (I.C.); F. C. Ramsay, W.M. 153 (I.C.); G. B. Macpherson-Grant, 527 (I.C.); O. Barclay, 97 (S.C.); O. Rowland, 1369; E. Wood, 1124; J. G. Tuxford, 755; Rev. S. S. Stitt, 877; G. L. Woolley, P.M. 1862; Rev. E. Fox-Thomas, W.M. 312; W. O. Dingley, 1016; I. R. Stephens, 2371; J. Weston, 1602; S. Lea-Smith, 69; F. M. Williams, 1293; C. J. Ticehurst, P.M. 40; J. Bailey, 1437; R. J. Ward, 3; Dr. C. R. Walker, 2291; Dr. D. Baynes; A. Fish, 1910; R. P. Page, 259; C. W. Firebrace, 2; W. Rogers, 1339; J. Passmore Edwards, 2369; E. G. Spiers, 1803; E. R. B. Dennis, P.M. 1460; F. J. Powles; G. C. L. Fry, 2427; W. Makein, 180; W. Hasberry, 180; and W. G. Ardington, 2531.

The following objects of interest were exhibited: A carved oak box bearing the square and compasses and the arms of the London Blacksmiths' Company; four jewels of extinct Hungarian lodges; an officer's jewel of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin; a painted snuff-box, with Masonic emblems, all by the Secretary; a collection of the seals of the lodges under the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, by Bro. Wiebe, the G.M. of Hamburg; a French Master Mason's sash, by the Lodge of Friendship, Gibraltar; a manuscript copy, dated 1786, of "Jachin and Boaz," by Dr. R. T. Cooper; a certificate and apron of Lodge Huntly, 72 (S.C.), by Bro. Greiner; an old silver collar-jewel, now belonging to St. Peter's Lodge, by Bro. Ortwell. A letter was read from the Grand Master, Prince Frederick, and the Grand Lodge of Denmark, thanking the brethren of Quatuor Coronati for their congratulations recently sent on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the introduction of the Craft into Denmark, and the 25th anniversary of the Crown Prince's initiation. Bro. E. Conder, jun., read a most interesting and valuable paper on the London Masons' Company, proving the existence within the City Company of a lodge of Speculative Masons from a very early date, and giving many valuable and curious particulars. The paper must certainly rank as one of the most important ones ever read before the lodge, and evoked great interest. It was shortly discussed by Bros. Speth, Hughan, and Rylands, and the usual vote of thanks to the lecturer was accorded under hearty applause.

THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY and her children have arrived at Cannes, where their Royal Highnesses will continue to reside till the end of the present month.

**THE SHIP AND TURTLE.**

Proprietor, Bro. C. J. PAINTER.

Best and oldest house in London for recherché Masonic Banquets, Private Parties, and Dinners.  
ASSEMBLY ROOMS FOR COMPANIES, &c.

**OUR TURTLE "THE ELIXIR OF LIFE,"***Vide faculty.*

Purveyors to H.R.H. Prince of Wales, H.I.M. Emperor of Russia, Dukes of Saxe-Coburg, Connaught, Cambridge, and most of Crowned Heads of Europe.  
Manager, Bro. E. ASHBY.

**ANDERTON'S HOTEL & TAVERN**

FLEET STREET, LONDON.

F. H. CLEWOW, Proprietor.

In connection with the Peacock Hotel, and Royal Hotel, Boston, Lincolnshire.

The central position of Anderton's is unequalled for Masonic Banquets, Public Dinners, Wedding Breakfasts, Meetings of Creditors, Arbitrations, &c.

The RESTAURANT on Eastern Side of Hotel Entrance is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Breakfasts, Luncheons, Teas, and Dinners.

The 2s. Hot Luncheon, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in Coffee Room, unequalled.

Registered Address for Telegrams:—

CLEWOW, LONDON.

**FOR ECONOMICAL AND RESPECTABLE FUNERALS** at stated charges.

To cover all expenses, exclusive of cemetery fees.

BRO. C. G. HATT,

UNDERTAKER,

82, HIGH STREET, KENSINGTON, W.

CREMATION AND EMBALMING.

Distance no object.

Orders by post or telegrams promptly attended to.

Price Lists free on application.

**BREE'S ROYAL HOTEL, JERSEY**Healthiest situation in St. Helier.  
20 degrees cooler than the sea front.

BED AND BREAKFAST 5/6 AND 6/-.

FULL BOARD, ROOMS &amp; SERVICE, 8/6 &amp; 9/- per day.

Telegraphic Address—"BREES, JERSEY."

Telephone No. 2879.

Established 1808.

**MATTHEWS, DREW, & CO.,**  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL  
STATIONERS, PRINTERS, LITHOGRAPHERS,  
ACCOUNT BOOK MAKERS.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED.

**"THE PROFESSIONAL NOTE,"**

A High-class Vellum Paper, with Rough or Satin Surface.

SAMPLES ON APPLICATION.

Send for Illustrated Price List Free.

**MATTHEWS, DREW, & COMPANY,**

37 &amp; 38, HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

(Opposite Chancery Lane).

Writing Department—10, GRAY'S INN PLACE, W.C.

**HEPBURN AND COCKS,**49A, LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS,  
LONDON, W.C.

Workshops—59, WYCH STREET.

DEED AND CASH BOX MAKERS.

Offices and Strong Rooms fitted with Wrought Iron Frames and Boxes to Open in Front.

SPECIAL BOXES MADE ON THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

Established 1790.

Estimates Given.

FISH, POULTRY, GAME, OYSTERS.

**JOHN GOW, LIMITED**

86, OLD BROAD STREET, E.C.

(late 17, New Broad Street, E.C.),

12, HONEY LANE MARKET, CHEAPSIDE, E.C.,

93, THEOBALD'S RD., HOLBORN, W.C.,

AND  
86, HIGH STREET, PECKHAM, S.E.

JOHN GOW, Limited, always have on sale the Largest Stock in London of the Very Best Quality at Lowest Prices.

HIGH-CLASS PROVISION STORES (NOW OPENED),

57, 51, and 52, OLD BROAD STREET, E.C.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION**

FOR BOYS.

The Votes and Interest of the Patrons, Governors, and Subscribers of the above Institution are respectfully solicited in favour of

ARNOLD BEVERLY MINERS,

Eldest son of the late Bro. Harold Beverly Miners, who died suddenly from the effects of bursting a blood vessel on the brain, leaving a Widow and Four Children totally unprovided for.

Bro. Miners was at the time of his death the Senior Warden of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, in which he was initiated in 1890.

The case is strongly recommended by—

Bro. George Taylor, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Prov. G. Secretary

\* Bro. John Petch, P.M. 1471, 2278, P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts.,

\* Bro. John A. Gantley, P.M. 205, P.Z. 205, 112, 5, Sackville-

\* Bro. Richard Kelly, 1287, Newgate street.

\* Bro. Sam Barfoot, 2018, 2549, Cleveland House, Waustrand.

\* Bro. W. H. Smith, Kildermminster.

\* Bro. E. L. P. Valeriani, P.M. and Sec. 1657, 21, Cranbourne-

\* Bro. J. B. Green, W.M. 180, 22, Bartlett's-bldgs., Holborn, W.C.

\* Bro. J. G. Taylor, I.P.M. 180, 11, Mostyn Road, Brixton.

\* Bro. W. C. Parsons, P.M., Sec. 180, P.M. and P. Sec. 1687,

\* Bro. P. Z. 180 and 755, 4, Mount-street, W.

\* Bro. T. J. Dibley, P.M., Treasurer 180, 38, Holborn Viaduct.

\* Bro. G. A. B. Fletcher, P.M. 180, 138, New Bond-street.

\* Bro. W. Brownson, P.M. 180, 10, Bush-lane, E.C.

\* Bro. F. J. Street, P.M. 180, 10, Loraine-place, Holloway.

\* Bro. C. J. Wade, P.M. 180, 8 and 9, Great St. Helen's, E.C.

\* Bro. L. Herf, P.M. 180, 23, Crutchedfriars, E.C.

\* Bro. Lt.-Col. W. H. Baker, P.M. 180, 7, Beak-street, Regent-st.

And all the P.M.s., Wardens, and Brethren of the

St. James's Union Lodge.

Promises of support and proxies will be thankfully received by those marked \*.

Proxies for other Institutions will be acceptable for the purposes of exchange.

**WANTED VOLUMES Nos.**

3, 4, 5, 6, and 13, bound or unbound, of the

Freemason. Address—16 and 16A, Great Queen-st., W.C.

ONLY THREE COPIES LEFT.

4to. 440 pages. Cloth. Gilt Lettered.

**HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF**

EDINBURGH

(MARY'S CHAPEL, No. 1),

Embracing an account of the rise and progress of

Freemasonry in Scotland,

By DAVID MURRAY LYON,

Grand Secretary.

PRICE 63s.

Price 7s. 6d.

**A HANDY BOOK to the Study of**

the ENGRAVED, PRINTED, and MANUSCRIPT  
LISTS OF LODGES of Ancient Free and Accepted  
Masons of England ("Moderns" and "Ancients") from  
1723 to 1814, with an Appendix and Valuable Statistical  
Tables. By Bro. JOHN LANE, F.C.A., P.M. 1402, Past  
Senior Grand Warden of Iowa, Past Prov. Grand Registrar  
of Devonshire, &c., &c., &c., Author of "Masonic Records,  
1717-1886," "Masters' Lodges," &c., &c., and dedicated  
to Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, P.S.G.D. England.

London: GEORGE KENNING, 16 &amp; 16a, Gt. Queen-st., W.C.

**MASONIC PRONOUNCING**

DICTIONARY,

Giving the Pronunciation and Definition of every word  
susceptible of a mispronunciation, used in the work of  
Initiation, Installation, Consecration, and Funeral Service,  
in the Craft Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, and  
the Supreme Council, in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish  
Rite, by

REV. JAY A. FORD,

Past Master, and Masonic Lecturer, and Prelate of Battle  
Creek Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar.

London: GEORGE KENNING, 16 &amp; 16a Gt. Queen-st., W.C.

Price 2s. 6d. Post Free, 2s. 7d.

**HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY**

IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

Dedicated by permission to

THOMAS FREDERICK HALSEY, Esq., M.P., Prov. Grand

Master.

By G. BLIZARD ABBOTT,  
W.M. GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1395, BARNET.

WITH PORTRAITS.

London.—GEORGE KENNING, 16 and 16a, Great Queen-st.  
Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.**

President, Sir George Williams. Founded by the  
Huguenots, 1685. For Gospel Preaching in Workhouses,  
Lodging-houses, Casual Wards, Mission Halls, and Open  
Air. Night Shelter, Free Meals for the Homeless. Em-  
ployment found for Widows and Husbandless Women.  
Holiday Homes for Gutter Children. Help, much needed,  
will be thankfully received by the Secretary, Mr. JAMES  
ATKINSON, 28, Enfield-road, Kingsland, N.

**ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION**

FOR GIRLS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1896.

The VOTES and INTEREST of the Patrons, Vice-Patrons,  
Vice-Presidents, Governors, and Subscribers, are respect-  
fully solicited in favour of

CONSTANCE LOUISE V. COOPER,

Elder daughter of the late Bro. WILLIAM COOPER, who  
lost his life on the 29th of September, 1893, in his 33rd year,  
leaving a Widow and Three young Children.

Bro. COOPER (who was shot during the Argentine Revo-  
lution of 1893, whilst in charge of a pilot engine to a special  
train on the Central Argentine Railway carrying Govern-  
ment troops to quell the insurrection) was, to the time of  
his death, a member of the Southern Cross Lodge, No.  
1740 (Cordova), in which he had been initiated in 1887.

The case is strongly recommended by—

\* Bro. R. S. Cushing, Life Governor, 85, Darent Road,  
Stamford Hill, N.; Bro. H. W. Hunt, Life Governor, The  
Elms, Alieyn Road, West Dulwich, S.E.; Bro. Frederick  
Neild, Steward 1896, 27, Tavistock Square, W.C.; \* Bro.  
H. T. Thompson, Life Governor, 85, Palmerston Buildings,  
E.C.; Bro. Frederick Wright, 85, Stamford Hill, N.

Promises of support and proxies will be thankfully  
received by those marked thus \*, or by the Widow,

Mrs. COOPER, 98, Purves Road, Kensal Rise, N.W.

**BRITISH WORKMAN'S AND**

GENERAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, Limited.

Established in Birmingham, in 1866,

as the

BRITISH WORKMAN'S LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

Chief Offices: Broad-street-corner, Birmingham.

London: City Offices, 2, West-st., Finsbury-pavement, E.C.

ORDINARY and INDUSTRIAL ASSURANCE.

The BRITISH WORKMAN'S holds a front rank in all

LIFE ASSURANCE PROGRESS and REFORM and

NEVER RECEDED A FOOT FROM THE VAN.

INDUSTRIAL ASSURANCE.

The New System of the Company is revolutionising this

department and is the perfection of Industrial Life Assurance.

ESTABLISHED 1865.

**BLADON AND HUMPHREYS,**

MANUFACTURING

MASONIC JEWELLERS.

APRONS, COLLARS, FURNITURE, AND

REGALIA.

7, GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.,

AND

16, CLERKENWELL ROAD, E.C.,

LONDON.

**MONTAGUE MANSION**

(Opposite the British Museum Entrance),

GREAT RUSSELL STREET, W.C.

Most conveniently situated for Business or Pleasure. Cab  
Fare from "Montague Mansion" is One Shilling to nearly  
all Railways, Theatres, and the Royal Courts of Justice.

Omnibuses to all parts for a few pence.

Bedroom, Bath, Breakfast, and Attendance, 5s. and 5s. 6d.

Night Porter. Telephone 2906. Terms Moderate.

MONEY!

**ADVANCES MADE UPON**

PERSONAL SECURITY,

BILLS OF SALE, OR OTHERWISE,

A moderate interest, without delay.

NO FEES FOR INQUIRY.

*Et-na-fide Applicants only invited.*

H. HART, 14, GLASSHOUSE STREET,

PICCADILLY CIRCUS, LONDON, W.

**FRANCO-GERMAN WAR. Swords**

used by the French. Splendid condition. Supply  
strictly limited. 3s. pair; 15s. dozen.—A. HANSON, 20,  
Henry-street, Liverpool.

**COALS. COALS. COALS.****COCKERELL'S (LIMITED),**

13, CORNHILL, LONDON, E.C.

For Prices, see Daily Papers.

Trucks direct from the Colliery to every Railway Station.

**MONEY PROMPTLY ADVANCED**

ON BILLS OF SALE,

And other Securities, at moderate Interest, repayable by  
instalments or otherwise.

Office Established 1856.

G. J. SHIPWAY,

3, TAVISTOCK STREET, STRAND.

**JOHN NOBBS AND SONS,**  
TAILORS,  
154 and 155, UPPER STREET, ISLINGTON, N.,  
AND  
77, FINSBURY PAVEMENT, E.C.  
SPECIALITY TROUSERS from 15s. net cash.

Illustrated Tariff Post Free.

**FUNERALS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.**  
LONDON NECROPOLIS Co.,  
188, WESTMINSTER BRIDGE ROAD,  
2, LANCASTER PLACE, STRAND.

**CANNON STREET HOTEL,**  
CANNON STREET, E.C.  
RITTER & PUZEY, PROPRIETORS.  
SPACIOUS AND COMMODIOUS ROOMS  
FOR LARGE OR SMALL  
MASONIC LODGES,  
AND  
BANQUETS,  
MEETINGS, AUCTIONS, BALLS, CONCERTS, ARBITRA-  
TIONS, CINDERELLAS, ETC.  
J. APTOMMAS, MANAGER.

**THOMAS MORING,**  
Established 1791.  
SEAL ENGRAVER, HERALDIC PAINTER, &c.  
52, HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.  
ILLUMINATED ADDRESSES IN THE BEST STYLE.  
MASONIC AND HERALDIC BANNERS.

Send for Specimens of High Class Stationery, Visiting  
Cards, and Dies gratis.

Also gratis on application:—Book of Examples of Monu-  
mental Brasces, and Specimen Book of Brass Door Plates.

Catalogue of Seal Engraving, etc. (illustrated), 13 stamps

**J. R. RICHARDSON,**  
KINGSTON-ON-THAMES,  
Will exhibit his World-Renowned  
LOVELY FLIES AND WHOLE CANE RODS,  
AT THE  
ROYAL AQUARIUM, WESTMINSTER,  
From March 11th to April 16th, 1896.

**STAGE LADIES & GENTLEMEN**  
desirous of entering the Theatrical Profession in  
Drama, Comedy, Comic Opera, or Music Hall, apply for  
terms to  
Mr. CARLTON ST. AUBYN,  
Late Manager Olympic Theatre, Royal Aquarium Theatre,  
Theatre Royal, Scarborough, &c. (Letter for interview).  
Mr. CARLTON ST. AUBYN,  
School of Dramatic Art, 57, New Oxford-street.

**FRANK HASWELL**  
(ESTABLISHED 1847),  
SIGN AND GLASS WRITER TO THE TRADE.  
4, SOHO STREET, OXFORD STREET, LONDON, W.  
ARTISTIC WRITER TO THE  
FINE ARTS.

**MAYO'S CASTLE HOTEL,**  
EAST MOLESEY, HAMPTON COURT STATION  
(Adjoining the RAILWAY, and facing the RIVER and  
PALACE).

BRO. JOHN MAYO

has ample accommodation in the new wing of this old-  
established and noted Riverside Hotel for Banquets for any  
number up to 100. Every convenience for Ladies' Gather-  
ings. Spacious landing to river, whence Steam Launches  
can start. Specimens of Menus, with prices, sent on  
application. Five Lodges meet at the Castle Hotel, and  
reference may be made to the respective Masters as to the  
catering, &c.

**WANTED—VOL. II. of GOULD'S**  
HISTORY, in Morocco. Apply Office of the  
Freemason.

**GAIETY RESTAURANT,**  
STRAND.

**LUNCHEONS (HOT AND COLD)**

At Popular Prices, in BUFFET and RESTAURANT  
(on First Floor),  
also

Chops, Steaks, Joints, Entrées, &c., in the GRILL ROOM.

**AFTERNOON TEA,**

Consisting of Tea or Coffee, Cut Bread and Butter, Jam,  
Cake, Pastry, *ad lib.*, at 1s. per head,  
served from 4 till 6 in RESTAURANT (First Floor).

**DINNERS IN RESTAURANT,**

From 5.30 till 9, at fixed prices (3s. 6d. and 5s.) and  
à la Carte.

In this Room the VIENNESE BAND performs from 6 till 8.

Smoking after 7.45.

**AMERICAN BAR.**

**THE GRILL ROOM**

is open till 12.30.

PRIVATE DINING ROOMS for large and  
small Parties.

SPIERS & POND, Ltd., PROPRIETORS.

**NORTHERN ASSURANCE**  
COMPANY.  
Established 1836.

LONDON: 1, MOORGATE STREET, E.C.  
ABERDEEN: 1, UNION TERRACE.

INCOME AND FUNDS (1894).

Fire Premiums	...	...	...	£701,000
Life Premiums	...	...	...	232,000
Interest	...	...	...	171,000
Accumulated Funds	-	-	-	£4,444,000



SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1896.

**Masonic Notes.**

Since we penned our "Notes" on the 29th ult., in  
reference to the successes achieved by the Boys' School  
at the Cambridge (Preliminary) Local Examinations in  
December, 1895, we have been favoured with particu-  
lars of the results of the same examinations in the  
Senior and Junior Divisions, and from these we gather  
that in the former Division, the eight who entered  
succeeded, all of them, in satisfying the examiners,  
while in the Junior Division, out of 36 who entered,  
two obtained Second-Class Honours, with one "distinc-  
tion" in mathematics; seven Third-Class Honours,  
with one "distinction" in arithmetic; while 21 others  
obtained passes. The average age of the candidates  
in the Senior Division was 16 years, in the Junior, 14½  
years, so that the School authorities have every reason  
to be satisfied with the achievements of their pupils.

The general result, including the particulars we gave  
of the Cambridge Local Preliminary in our issue of  
the 29th ult., may be briefly summed up as follows:  
Preliminary: 32 candidates, 30 passed, one with dis-  
tinction in geography; average age, 13 years five  
months. Senior Division—average age, 16 years:  
eight entered, eight passed. Junior Division—36  
entered: two Second Class Honours, with one "dis-  
tinction" in mathematics; seven Third Class, with  
one "distinction" in arithmetic; and 21 passed—  
Average age, 14½ years. Total—76 entered; 68  
passed. During the last six years, in which the

School has been under its present management, as  
many as 174 candidates have passed the "Junior,"  
and 15 the "Senior" Cambridge Local Examinations,  
and of these 53 have gained honours and distinctions.  
These figures tell their own tale, and all we can do is  
to congratulate the Board of Management and the  
Head Master and his staff on results which reflect so  
much credit upon them and the boys themselves.

It is necessary we should add that at the South  
Kensington Science and Art Examinations, in May  
last, 48 certificates were granted, namely, 20 first class;  
15 second class; and 13 passes; while, in addition, 18  
were marked "fair," raising the total who have passed  
this Examination in the various subjects during the last  
six years to 301. Here, again, we have nothing but  
commendation and congratulation to offer to those who  
are responsible for the conduct of the Royal Masonic  
Institution for Boys.

We have received, but too late for insertion this  
week, a "sixth" list of contributions to the Boys'  
School Scholarship Fund. It will appear in our  
next issue.

Only four lodges have been consecrated in Norfolk  
during the last 22 years, namely: the Walpole Lodge,  
No. 1500, Norwich, named after the brother who pre-  
ceded Lord Suffield as Grand Master of the Province,  
and dating from the year 1874; the Montgomerie,  
No. 1741, Diss, which was warranted in 1878; the  
Suffield, No. 1808, North Walsham, named after the  
present respected Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro.  
Lord Suffield, consecrated in 1879; and the Earl of  
Leicester Lodge, No. 2237, which was established at  
North Walsham in 1887. This raised the number of  
lodges on the roll to 17, and an 18th will be added on  
Monday next, the 16th instant, when Bro. E. Letch-  
worth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, will consecrate the  
Baring Lodge, No. 2602, at Cromer, which we doubt  
not will be well supported at this popular seaside re-  
sort, and for which we trust there is a bright and  
prosperous future in store.

An eighth Royal Arch chapter will be added to the  
roll of Prov. Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire on Satur-  
day next, the 21st inst., when the Broxbourne Chapter,  
No. 2353, will be consecrated at the Hadley Hotel,  
New Barnet. The ceremony will be performed by  
Comp. T. F. Halsey, M.P., G. Superintendent, assisted  
by the officers of his Provincial Grand Chapter, and  
Comp. George E. Lake, Prov. G.H., will instal the  
Principals designate, viz., Comps. E. C. Mulvey as  
M.E.Z.; S. Lichtenfeld as H.; and H. Gardner as J.

The testimonial which is about to be presented to  
Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.H. East Lancashire, in  
recognition of the many valuable services, extending  
over a long period of years, which he has rendered to the  
Province generally, will be handed to our esteemed  
companion at the annual meeting of the Provincial  
Grand Chapter, which will take place in the Technical  
Schools, Elizabeth-street, Burnley, on Thursday next,  
the 19th instant, at 2.30 p.m. Comp. Col. Le Gendre  
N. Starkie, Grand Superintendent, has very kindly  
promised to make the presentation.

We note with pleasure that in January last the  
*Indian Freemason* entered upon its third volume. It  
is a high-class Masonic periodical, which is carefully  
edited, and is doing valuable work in furthering the  
interests of the Craft. Its original matter is well-  
written, while its reports of District Grand Lodge and  
private lodge meetings are at all times interesting.  
Moreover, it publishes monthly the portrait of some  
distinguished Indian Freemason, so that its subscribers  
will in time have quite a gallery of the portraits of  
these worthies. It is, in short, a most meritorious  
organ of Freemasonry, and we gladly avail ourselves  
of this opportunity of complimenting it upon the  
excellence of its past work, and wishing it a long and  
prosperous future.

With its issue for January of the current year, *The*  
*Pacific Mason*, published at Seattle, Washington,  
commences its second volume. The editor is Bro. W.  
V. Rinehart, whom we take leave to congratulate most  
sincerely on the success which has thus far attended  
his efforts in conducting this "Pacific" aspirant for  
the support of the Craft. The original articles are of  
a high character, while the reports on the proceedings  
of the lodges and other Masonic bodies in the State  
of Washington show that the Craft is doing good  
work there. We trust that our worthy contemporary  
will receive that support from the Washington brethren  
to which it is so justly entitled.

## Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

PRINCE FREDERICK LODGE, No. 307.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Permit me to say that no one would be more delighted than myself to see the old minute books of this lodge, and I await the further communication which Bro. Shaw promises.

Meanwhile, at the risk of still being considered "too exacting," I must ask Bro. Shaw, and all others interested in this question, if it is right to ignore the facts published in my letter in the *Freemason* of 22nd of February, or to treat them as of little or no importance? And further, if Bro. Crossley's *History* is to be regarded as unreliable, and the extracted minutes of the Lodge of Probity as being untrue?

The fact is that the warrant of the old Loyal Halifax Lodge, purchased by a new set of brethren in the manner recorded, does not entitle the new possessors or their representatives to the antiquity of the older lodge or to claim the privileges incident to an uninterrupted continuity of lodge working.

If Bro. Shaw will kindly favour me with the early minute and Treasurer's books, I will gladly transcribe such of their contents as bear upon this subject, for publication in your columns without delay—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, March 7th.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

1080] AN EXTRAORDINARY MEDAL.

The chief plate in the "American Journal of Numismatics," January, 1896, is devoted to the obverse and reverse of a medal in the Cabinet of Mons. L. Potier, of Paris, reproduced from a photograph sent by Bro. George L. Shackles, of Hull, who has one of the finest two Collections of Masonic Medals in the world. Bro. Shackles sent two photos to me of this most interesting piece, but I have failed to trace or identify it. Mr. Warwick Worth, F.S.A., British Museum, has been unable to throw any light upon its history; but my friend wisely sent the photographs to Bro. W. T. R. Marvin, Senior Editor of the *Journal* (as mentioned), who has done his best to elucidate the matter. Bro. Marvin's description of the medal accords mainly with that of Bro. Shackles; the former also supplying translations of the legends. The size, in sixteenths of an inch, is 56 (i.e.,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter), or 95 mm., *Bronze*, and it is considered to be a cast. There is an abundance of Masonic emblems on both sides, the obverse being of a very elaborate character, having the legend PRIMAS, ORDINE, LOCVS, CONCILUM, CAPUT, CONVENTUS, SYNODUS, TURBA, CONGRESSUS, FMCCR, BRIT, ANNO RUM\* Bro. Marvin suggests this should be translated. "First place in the Order (? Head), Council, Chapter, Assembly, Synod, People (?), and Congress of the Free-Masons, Rosy-Crucian-College, in the Kingdom of Britain," and adds "That the device seems to have reference to a Rose-Croix Degree, in some Rite more or less closely connected with the Masonic Order, seems to be confirmed in part by the devices to be seen on the reverse." The six letters, FMCCR, form the key to the legend, and if correctly explained, as it seems likely, united with the suggestive emblems, are indicative of a Rosicrucian origin of this remarkable medal. The reverse has two circular tablets like for the "Ten Commandments," with the motto, FELTYES DE VOYSE. The date is possibly 1780-90 circa, and as it is believed to be unique. I hope we shall soon hear particulars of its origin. Bro. Shackles deserves the thanks of all students of Masonic medals for thus drawing attention to its character through the best medium for the purpose.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Craft Masonry.

United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128.

A regular meeting was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. R. Davison, W.M.; R. P. Keates, I.P.M.; W. B. Hextall, S.W.; E. C. R. Oxley, J.W.; W. H. Bullock, Sec.; W. E. Porter, S.D.; Wyatt Wingrove, J.D.; T. U. Chant, I.G.; F. B. Wood, F.C.O., Org.; T. Moysey and C. J. Weller, Stwds.; Hy. Evenden, Tyler; W. F. Smithson, P.M., P.G.D.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M., D.G.S.B.; Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorks; C. S. Ayling, Hogg, Newton, Riley, R. S. Ayling, Munro, Reed, R. Bullock, Walker, Davis, and Bevan. Visitors: Bros. Lemere, P.M. 1744; W. A. Buxton, S.D. 1538; W. Craig, I.G. 2319; Malcolm, P.P.G.R. 306; and Roberts, P.P.G.W. Middx.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, the brethren proceeded to ballot for Bros. T. D. Jones, 1357, and J. Dryden, 1676, as joining members, and both were elected unanimously. Another ballot was then taken for Mr. R. Vivian, and, it proving unanimous, he was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry by the W.M., the charge being given by Bro. Bullock, P.M., Sec. Bro. Reed was then passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft by the W.M. Throughout both ceremonies the working of the W.M. was most interesting and instructive, and gave evidence of the careful training he had received at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Bro. W. F. Smithson gave notice of motion for next meeting "That £2 2s. be subscribed to the R.M.I. for Boys' Scholarship Fund." The W.M. announced that he had gone up as Steward at the recent Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival, and that he was also going up for the Boys in June, and again asked for the support of the brethren. He received numerous and liberal promises of assistance.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most excellent supper, over which the W.M. presided with his accustomed geniality.

The usual toasts were given and responded to with commendable brevity, so that the brethren were able to enjoy to the full the entertainment provided for them.

Bro. Porter presided at the pianoforte, the vocal items being contributed by Bros. Hextall, Bevan, Oxley, and Ramsden Walker, who also recited. Bro. Buxton, 1538, gave a couple of songs in a way that delighted the brethren, and a happy evening was brought to an end with the Tyler's toast.

St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 2259.

The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Thorne, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Constable, acting W.M.; T. Barber, S.W.; H. A. Fenton, J.W.; B. Maskill, Treas.; R. Brew, acting Sec.; G. Eland, S.D.; E. Hirst, J.D.; J. H. Bletcher, acting I.P.M. and Almoner; W. P. Robotham, Org.; E. Simpson, I.G.; F. Pine, Tyler; T. R. R. Marsden, W. Hallgarth, J. Dugdale, E. Shillito, W. Pickering, and T. Tomlinson.

Bro. Tomlinson was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the work being performed by Bro. Constable, Bro. Pickering giving the charge and working tools.

The brethren adjourned after lodge to an oyster repast kindly provided by Bro. Fenton.

Bisley Lodge, No. 2317.

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Among those present were Bros. J. W. H. Littleboy, W.M.; James Webb, I.P.M.; Captain J. Hoey, P.M., S.W.; C. F. Passmore, P.M., as J.W.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Tomlinson, S.D.; R. Clamp, J.D.; J. H. Askham, P.M., I.G.; J. Wenham and H. Whitburn, Stwds.; B. N. Dudge, G. J. Woolridge, H. W. Gloster, Arthur Althorp, F. Millward Wilkins, A. Gunning, and A. W. Shaw, P.M. Visitors: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; E. Head and G. W. Smith, of 1681; H. J. Bidwell, P.M. and Sec., and A. Reed, of 2120; and G. Turner, 2153.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. B. N. Dudge was passed to the Second Degree. The W.M., who was very ably supported by his officers, performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner, and concluded with an explanation of the tracing board appertaining to the Degree.

Bro. A. H. Gale was proposed as a rejoining member, after which, there being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, which was served by Bro. G. J. Mason, of Chertsey, in his best style.

On the removal of the cloth, and after the recital of the Masonic Grace by the W.M., the customary loyal toasts were eloquently introduced from the chair, and most heartily received by the brethren.

The W.M. then gave "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., in responding, said that it had fallen to his lot as a frequent visitor to the lodge to express on many former occasions the pleasure it had afforded him, not only to witness the work so well done, but to experience the genial hospitality of the brethren at the festive board. It had been his privilege to see four Masters installed in the Bisley Lodge, and all of them had more than fulfilled the most sanguine anticipations that had been formed with respect to their conduct in the chair. But to whatever extent the brethren who preceded Bro. Littleboy in the office of Master had distinguished themselves, it might be advanced without the possibility of contradiction, that the achievements of their present W.M., even during the comparatively short period he had occupied that position, were such as to make it quite clear that his own would be a record year, wherein the choicest traditions of the lodge would be as worthily sustained as they had been in those of the most successful Masters who came before him.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. J. H. Askham, P.P.G.D.C., whose response was in his happiest vein.

"The Health of the W.M." was then proposed, with very warm expressions of esteem and regard, by Bro. James Webb, I.P.M., and in reply, the W.M. thanked the various brethren who had spoken during the evening (every one of whom had passed a glowing eulogium on the work performed by him in the lodge), and said that it had afforded him the utmost pleasure to have carried out the duties of the chair in a manner which was satisfactory to those present.

Other toasts followed, Bro. J. H. Bidwell responding for "The Visitors," and Bros. J. B. S. Lancaster and J. Wenham for "The Officers of the Lodge."

A most pleasant evening was spent, and the enjoyment of the brethren was much enhanced by the admirable singing of Bros. F. M. Wilkins, E. Head, A. W. Shaw, J. H. Askham, J. Webb, and H. W. Gloster, combined with one of the most effective recitations in the extensive repertoire of Bro. Bidwell, P.M. and Sec. of the Abbey Lodge, No. 2120, Chertsey, and Preceptor of the lodge of instruction working in conjunction with it.

Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, Bradford, on Thursday, the 6th ult., when there was a good attendance. Bro. S. Robinson, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. John Niven, as I.P.M.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Last, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Fearnley, S.W.; R. S. Hird, J.W.; J. Morton, as S.D.; J. W. Bland, J.D.; W. S. Smith, as I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; W. Docksey, Org.; and others. Visitors: Bros. John Hill, 302; John Pickles, 302; W. H. Briggs, 302; B. Hepworth, W.M. 377; C. W. Hudson, 600; H. E. Hodgson, 603; A. P. Rendell, S.W. 974; R. Spencer, S.D. 1019; R. J. Smith, W.M. 1042; F. C. Nettleton, 1042; J. E. Russell, W.M. 1648; F. W. H. Durant, P.M. 1648; A. G. Collon, 1648; R. H. Lindsay, 1648; John Shear, 1648; B. P. Viret, 2410; and Joseph Wilson, P.M. 1034, P.P.G. Std. Br.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, after which Bro. Betteridge, B.A., was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Last, P.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Hird, J.D., and the charge delivered by Bro. Fearnley, S.W. The name of a gentleman was submitted for initiation at a future meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

After refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., Bro. Robinson, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," expressed the pleasure it gave the lodge to be honoured by the presence of such a goodly number of visitors, several of whom hailed from distant towns, no less than 10 different lodges being represented. He gave them all a very hearty welcome.

The toast was very cordially received.

Bro. Benjamin Hepworth, W.M. 377, in responding, stated that spending a few days in Yorkshire, he was delighted to receive an invitation to visit the lodge, and to have the honour of acknowledging, on behalf of the visitors, the kind and generous hospitality that had been extended to the visitors. Referring to the working in the lodge, he stated that it differed somewhat in detail from the practice in his own lodge. They prided themselves on their good working in his Province of Worcester, but he was pleased to note that the Masons were equally jealous of the ritual in the northern provinces.

Bros. R. J. Smith, W.M. 1042, and J. E. Russell, W.M. 1648, also responded.

Bro. J. E. Russell, W.M. 1648, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated him on being so well supported by the officers and brethren of the lodge.

Bro. S. Robinson, W.M., thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast of his health. He reported that he had heard of Bro. C. H. Ellis, I.P.M., who had written from Albany, and was then suffering from the intense heat of the climate.

Bro. J. Wilson, P.M. 1034, P.P.G. Std. Br., in submitting the toast of "The Past Masters," referred to his early connection with the lodge, and that it was only the increasing duties of his business which caused him to retire from it, but he did not do so until there was a goodly number of Past Masters in the lodge who were well able to look to its welfare. He knew them all, and was pleased to bear his testimony to their ability as Masters of the Craft.

Other toasts followed.

A very pleasant evening was spent, songs and recitations being contributed by Bros. Fearnley, Durant, Hudson, Wilson, Docksey, Collon, and Lindsay.

Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535.

A regular meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on the 2nd inst., when Bro. James Stephens, P.P.G.D. Bucks, Sec., presided, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. W. H. Bailey, P.P.S.G.W. Stafford, G. Treas. nominate. The officers present included Bros. J. R. Roberts, S.W.; E. Valeriani, P.M., J.W.; J. Welford, P.M., Treas.; E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd., J.D.; E. J. Reed, I.G.; R. Carter, D.C.; W. H. Making and J. H. Haylock, Stwds.; M. Rubinstein, Org.; and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Inglish, S.D. 901; F. Laurence, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; A. J. Turner, S.W. 1787; J. F. Smith, 1087; H. E. Pecks, 179; E. Morgan, 1288; J. E. Tavenor, P.M. 1044; J. Avery, P.M. 511; C. Toy, 1608; R. G. Edwards, 1583; and G. Davis, P.M.

The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and Bros. H. Goslin, L. Roche, and G. Bie were elected joining members. Five candidates were raised to the Third Degree, after which Bros. S. H. Gibson and B. Morison were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bros. J. R. Roberts, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Welford, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; and T. C. Edmonds, P.M., Tyler. Other business was transacted, including the despatch of a telegram to the W.M. in Brussels, conveying "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet which followed was well up to the standard of excellence hitherto prevalent at the Frascati.

The usual toasts were subsequently honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the acting W.M. referred more particularly to the excellent work done by the leading Grand Officers in behalf of the Masonic Charities.

"The W.M." was next given by Bro. Jas. Stephens, who said they could not omit the toast in the enforced absence of Bro. W. H. Bailey, W.M. They had shown a slight sense of their appreciation of the W.M. by sending across the water a telegram expressing kindly thoughts, and he was pleased they did so, because he had received a telegram from Bro. Bailey, who wired that he was with them in spirit, and sent hearty fraternal greetings. They were unanimous in their affection for the W.M., who had thought of them in his absence. When he proposed the previous toast he said they had the Grand Officer present with them, but they might rest assured that on the next occasion they would be honoured by having one Grand Officer amongst the members of the lodge. At an ordinary lodge meeting in January the brethren recognised the honour conferred upon the lodge by the election of their W.M. as Grand Treasurer, and unanimously voted to Bro. Bailey the presentation of his Grand Treasurer's clothing. He was only a choir of their feelings when he said they hoped Bro. Bailey would be spared for many years to be on the Grand Lodge cloth it would be their pleasure to present to him at the next meeting.

"The Worshipful Master Elect" was next proposed by the acting W.M., who referred to Bro. J. R. Roberts as an enthusiastic Mason, who had on all occasions discharged his duties in the Order. Bro. Roberts had travelled from Lincolnshire to be present, which showed they had elected a brother who was devoted to his duties, and would do credit to the lodge. He could claim acquaintance with the W.M. elect for 20 years, and knew he would discharge his duties as Master to the best of his ability.

Bro. J. R. Roberts, P.M., W.M. elect, returned thanks and said he appreciated very much the high position in which they had placed him. He had had previous experience of the duties of the chair and believed he carried out those duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. He would endeavour to do the same in that lodge, although he had to follow a distinguish Mason.

"The Visitors" was next given and replied to by Bros. Avery, P.M.; Laurence, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; Turner, P.M.; and G. Davis, P.M.

"The Treasurer and Officers" was duly honoured, after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. Rubinstein, Org., presided at the pianoforte, and was supported in the musical arrangements by Bros. R. Smith, C. Toy, James Stephens, and W. J. Batho, and Miss Hamilton Smith (mandoline).

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3.

A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 14th ult. Among those present were Bros. Nelson Prower, M.A. 30°, M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S., as Prelate; Dr. V. Jagielski, 2nd G.; H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Lieut.-Colonel F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; E. E. Biddlecombe, Capt. A. E. Baldwin, H. J. Adams, W. Bigg, and W. L. Carrick.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Capt. G. P. Carpenter, and it being unanimous he was duly perfected. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. L. Steele, 30°, W. Maple, 1st G.; J. Speller, A. W. Humphrey, J. M. Smith, Dr. Lott, 31°, Org., Dr. J. W. Hinton, J. W. Murray, J. F. Bromhead, C. W. Tayleur, G. A. Berkeley, G. Graveley, 30°, G. H. Grimwood, J.P., W. Fisher, J. W. Murray, and others.

The chapter was then closed. The banquet was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street. The M.W.S. ably presided.

Bro. Capt. G. T. Carpenter, in responding to the toast of his health, said that he had long desired to join the Ancient and Accepted Rite, but circumstances had hitherto prevented him. He had to thank his proposer and seconder for introducing him to so old and good a chapter, which numbered among its members many brethren of note in the Masonic world. He should look forward to the next meeting with a great deal of pleasure.

Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Stohwasser replied to the toast of "The Past Sovereigns" in a neat and effective speech.

During the intervals Bros. F. E. Roberts, T. E. Biddlecombe, F. W. Driver, and others entertained the brethren.

## Royal Arch.

### Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185.

This old chapter held a meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 11th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. Dr. Frye, M.E.Z.; Isslemann, H.; Cleghorn, P.Z., as J.; G. Davis, S.E.; Hills, S.N.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Witthaus, P.S.; Staley, P.Z.; Hardy, P.Z.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C.; and T. C. Edmunds, P.Z., Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Isslemann was elected M.E.Z., and Comp. Blankley, H. The election of Third Principal was postponed. Among the other elections were Comps. G. Davis, S.E.; Witthaus, S.N.; Harfeld, Treas.; Hambley, P.S.; Johnston, 1st A.S.; and T. C. Edmunds, P.Z., Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. Dr. Frye in recognition of his services during the past year. Comps. N. Moss, J.P., P.Z.; E. A. Harris, P.Z.; Blankley, J.; and others, sent apologies for non-attendance. The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was well served. The M.E.Z. presided most ably, and his respective speeches were models of good taste, not too long and yet pertinent.

He was particularly happy in proposing "The Health of the S.E. and Treasurer," to whom, he said, so much was due. The latter in particular had not only been their guide, philosopher, and friend, but their banker, and he trusted that for many years he might continue to hold that position.

The proceedings then terminated.

### Magdalen Chapter, No. 242.

This chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, on Friday, the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. F. Webb, M.E.Z.; J. Constable, H.; C. Goldthorpe, J.; F. Rand, P.Z., P.P.G.T.; S. Pegler, I.P.Z.; C. H. Woodhouse, S.E.; S. Lester, S.N.; H. A. Fenton, P.S.; J. Fitzgerald, H. Foster, R. Brew, A. L. Peace, J. H. Pawson, G. Brooke, P.Z., P.P.G.T.; and others.

Comp. F. Webb presented the Three Principals elect for installation, viz., Comps. C. Goldthorpe, J. Constable, and W. Fretwell, who were regularly and duly installed into the chairs of M.E.Z., H., and J., by Comp. S. Pegler. The officers appointed were Comps. J. Fitzgerald, S.E.; H. Foster, S.N.; F. J. Forth, Treas.; H. A. Fenton, P.S.; and W. Mason, Janitor.

The companions afterwards adjourned to the ante-room, where they partook of a substantial banquet, provided by Bro. C. Richardson, Club Steward.

### Kennington Chapter, No. 1381.

This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 13th ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. Dennis, M.E.Z.; Lingley, H.; Buxton, J. elect; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; A. Lundie, S.N.; G. Everett, P.Z., P.G. Treas., Treas.; Colwell, P.S.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C.; C. H. Kohler, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Ayling, P.Z.; and H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Buxton was installed as Third Principal by Comp. H. Higgins. The election of Principals and officers then took place. Among those elected were Comps. Lingley, M.E.Z.; Buxton, H.; Lundie, J.; H. Higgins, S.E.; Colwell, S.N.; George Everett, P.Z., Treas.; Smith, P.S.; and Patrick, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. Dennis, M.E.Z.

Auditors having been appointed to audit the accounts, communications were read from absent members, and the chapter was closed.

Refreshment followed labour, and, upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts were given and responded to.

In proposing the toast of "The Scribe E. and Treasurer," the M.E.Z. congratulated them both on the very satisfactory manner they discharged their respective offices. They had filled their positions many years, and he trusted that they would continue to hold them for some time yet.

Comp. Higgins having said a few words in response, Comp. George Everett replied. He said that he had been ill, and was by no means equal to making a speech. However, he could not allow the opportunity to pass without thanking them for all their kindness. Failing health had compelled him to resign the Treasurership of the lodge, as the work was too much for him, but he had no wish to resign the Treasurership of the chapter unless actually compelled.

During the proceedings Comp. Arton officiated most ably at the pianoforte. Comps. Buxton, Ayling, and Lundie gave also welcome contributions.

### Farringdon Without Chapter, No. 1745.

A meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Comps. Plummer, M.E.Z.; J. Young, P.Z., as H.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas., as J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; N. Prower, P.Z., S.N.; Murphy, P.S.; T. Simpson, P.Z.; Dr. Lott, P.G.O. England, Org.; J. D. Webb, and E. Mallet, P.Z. 1623, Janitor. Comps. E. S. Lardner, P.Z., and J. C. Yates were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Weinel and Newell, and it being unanimous they were duly exalted to the Degree, the ceremony being well performed. The resignation of Comp. E. Burritt Lane, Mus. Bac., P.Z., was received with great regret. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. H. Herbert, H. elect; G. Herbert, P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was then closed. A banquet followed. The customary toasts received full justice.

Comp. E. S. Lardner, P.Z., responded on behalf of "The Visitors," in an exhaustive speech, in which he spoke in high terms of commendation, not only of the working of the chapter but of its hospitality and conviviality.

During the proceedings Comps. Plummer, Young, Dr. Lott, and E. S. Lardner pleasantly entertained the companions.

## Mark Masonry.

### Old York Lodge (T.I.)

A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Galen-street, Bradford. Bro. J. T. Last, W.M., presided, the other officers being Bros. T. H. Pattison, P.M., as S.W.; R. H. Benson, J.W.; Harrison, I.P.M.; T. E. Greenough, P.M., Chap.; Geo. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; Thos. Norfolk, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; Chas. Crabtree, P.M., P.P.G.W., as M.O.; R. Pullan, as S.O.; Clifford, J.O.; Joshua Hill, S.D.; John Cromack, as J.D.; J. W. Whitaker, I.G.; John Hill, Tyler; L. Crossley, R. of M.; J. W. Monckman, P.P. G.W., P.G.S., as D.C.; J. Lawson, Rev. J. W. Clough, R. Whitley, G. Whittaker, S. Whitley, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; J. W. Hudson, and others. Visitors: Bro. Joseph Matthewman, W.M. 110, Prov. G. Sec.; G. H. Parke, P.M. 110, G.S. Eng.; J. Woollens, P.M. 110, P.P.G.W.; J. J. Martin, P.M. 110, P.P.G.D.; Geo. Carbert, Prov. G. Org.; F. Stafford, M.O. 110; R. Ashe, 110, and B. Greenwood.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. H. Fearnor, 1018, and he was declared duly elected, after which he and Bro. W. H. Banks, W.M. 2330 (who had been elected at a previous meeting), were advanced to the Degree of Mark Master by Bro. Last, W.M. Bros. Whiteley, P.P.G.O. Norfolk, P.P.G.O., Sec., and Harrison, I.P.M., assisted in rendering portions of the ritual. A candidate was proposed for advancement at the next meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

After substantial refreshment, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. G. H. Parke, P.M. 110, P.P.G.W. Lancs., G.S. Eng., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to have been able to attend the lodge that evening and to see the very satisfactory manner the ritual had been rendered in the lodge by the W.M. and his officers. He felt it was a pride and pleasure to have the opportunity of responding to the toast—so cordially received—of the Grand Officers.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," stated how gratifying it was to the lodge to have present with them that evening so many Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, many of whom had done good service in Mark Masonry. He found the officers who had held rank in the province were always willing to attend at the various lodges and to render any services that might be required of them.

The toast was responded to by Bro. J. Woollens, P.P.G.W., who thanked the brethren for the cordial manner they had received the toast. It was several years since he had previously visited the lodge, and it was most gratifying to see the progress that had been made, and the great increase in its membership. He hoped that it would go on and continue to prosper.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in complimentary terms by Bro. G. H. Parke, P.G.S.E., who stated that he had enjoyed the pleasure of the acquaintance of Bro. Last for a number of years, and had known him to be a good Mason. He was present at his installation, and was pleased to have the privilege of proposing the toast.

Bro. J. T. Last, W.M., suitably responded.

"The Visitors" was submitted by the W.M., who recognised the honour the W.M. of Integrity Lodge, No. 110, Wakefield, and his officers had done him and the Old York Lodge by paying that fraternal visit. He took it as a compliment that they had so readily accepted the invitation it had been his pleasure to give them. On behalf of the lodge, he gave them a most cordial greeting and hearty welcome.

Bro. Joseph Matthewman, W.M. 110, Provincial Grand Secretary, in responding to the toast, said he thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind invitation that he had extended to him and the officers of Integrity Lodge to pay that fraternal visit to the Old York Lodge—the oldest Mark lodge in the province, and he assured him that the invitation had been accepted with much pleasure. They had been pleased with the working of the ceremony of advancement in the lodge, and he hoped before long to have the pleasure of receiving a visit from the W.M. and officers of the Old York Lodge at the Integrity Lodge, Wakefield.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge," was proposed by Bro. J. Woollens, P.M. 110, P.P.G.W.

Bro. Harrison, P.M., suitably acknowledged the toast.

"The Newly-advanced Brethren" was proposed by Bro. J. Hill, S.D.

Bro. J. W. Banks responded.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant meeting.

The speeches were interspersed with songs and recitations from Bros. Whiteley, Hudson, Last, Clough, Pullan, and Crossley.

### Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 211.

The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bro. P. Mason, I.P.M., as W.M., in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Bro. W. H. Wadham, Bros. Dr. H. W. Kiallmark, P.M., P.G.S., S.W. and W.M. elect; Larter, J.W.; E. Beard, M.O.; R. Lawson, P.M., G.S., S.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; Huish, P.M.; and Rosedale. Bro. Day, 22, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dr. Kiallmark having been presented, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by the Secretary. The following appointments and investiture took place—Bros. Larter, S.W.; Beard, J.W.; R. Lawson, P.M., M.O.; Richards, S.O.; Rosedale, J.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; and Ellis, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. H. Wadham, I.P.M.; T. Rickwood, P.M.; Skinner, P.M.; F. C.

Frye, P.M.; Dr. Pocock, P.M.; and D. P. Corre, P.M. (Hon. Members.) A vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. Wadham in his illness, and the presentation of a Past Master's jewel postponed till the next meeting.

The lodge was then closed. A banquet followed. The W.M. was exceedingly happy and genial in his speeches.

Bro. R. Lawson, G.S., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."  
Bro. Day kindly and ably presided at the pianoforte.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the Committee of Management was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., Patron and Trustee, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. A. C. Spaul, P.A.G.D.C.; R. D. Cummings, John Hattersley, James Speller, Hugh Cotter, J. B. Daniell, A. H. Hickman, A. Mullord, C. Sheppard, D. Fisher, Robert A. Gowan, J. Campbell-Johnstone, C. J. R. Tijou, P.G.P.; S. Vallentine, P.G.P.; J. Newton, G. Purst.; T. W. Whitmarh, P.G.P.; Charles Kempton, F. Dangerfield, Alfred Moore, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

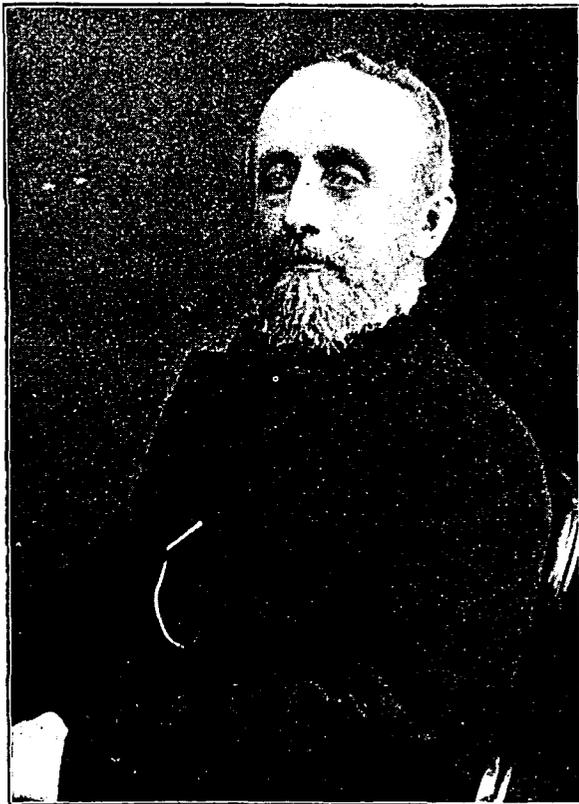
The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported the deaths of two male and one widow annuitants.

The Warden's report for the past month was read.

The SECRETARY stated that the amount of Donations and Subscriptions announced at the Festival recently held under the presidency of Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, was £19,511 7s., with six lists outstanding, and that this sum had been since increased to £19,656 7s. 6d., with five lists to come in. Cordial votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman for his kindness in presiding and to the Board of Stewards for their valuable services, and it was unanimously agreed that the former should be engrossed on vellum and presented to his lordship.

The applications of two widows to be allowed each of them a moiety of her late husband's annuity were granted, and the proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

### Our Portrait Gallery.



BRO. THE REV. JAMES PUTTICK,

who had the honour of being installed the first Worshipful Master of the St. Mary of the Harbour Lodge, No. 2591, which was consecrated a short time since at Shoreham, was ordained in 1869, and held the curacy of Tillington—in which parish he was born—for seven years. Subsequently he was preferred to the living of Alfriston by the late Earl of Selborne, then Lord Chancellor, and here he remained till 1889, when, on the nomination of Lord Leconfield, he accepted the living of Kingston-by-Sea. Here he is a guardian of the parish, a District Councillor, and also Chairman of the District Council of Steyning West. He was appointed a J.P. for the County of Sussex in 1894, and is very generally esteemed and respected by all with whom he is brought in contact. Our Rev. Brother was initiated in the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings, and in due course was elected and installed its W.M. He is also a Mark Master Mason, and his services to Craft and Mark Masonry have been recognised by the Provincial authorities, by whom he has been appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain in both these branches of Masonry.

### Rosicrucian Society.

#### York College.

The annual meeting of this body took place at York, on the 22nd ultimo, in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, York, when there was a large muster of members. Fra. W. H. Cowper, Celebrant, presided, and there were also present Frates T. B. Whythead, Chief Adept of Yorkshire; J. L. Atherton, Suffragan; Wm. Flockton, Prov. Treas.; J. Blenkin, Prov. Sec.; and 42 other fratres.

Seven candidates were admitted to the Grade of Zelator by the Celebrant. The Celebrant elect, Frater W. N. Cheesman Selby, was then inducted into the chair of C.R. by the Chief Adept of the province, after which the officers were nominated as follows: Fratres John Robinson, Deputy Celebrant; J. M. Meek, M.A., Treas.; J. Smith, Sec.; J. K. Wilkes, P.A.; Geo. Corbert, S.A.; B. S. Bailey, T.A.; E. Micklethwait, O.A.; W. Davey, Precentor and Organist; Tom Tomlinson, G. of T.; R. H. Walters, T.B.; G. H. Parke, Herald; R. J. Smith, C. of N.; F. W. Halliwell, D. of C.; and J. T. Sellar, R. of M. The Chief Adept then read a short paper on the symbolism of the Ark, which was ordered to be printed in the Transactions. This thriving college numbers 96 subscribing members.

After the close of the meeting, the fratres dined together.

### Royal Ark Mariners.

#### Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 328.

This lodge held a meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 18th ult. Among those present were Bros. L. W. Harvey, W.C.N.; W. H. Holroyd, P.W.C.N.; as J.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.W.C.N.; as S.; N. Prower, M.A., P.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.W.C.N., P.G.C., Scribe; and T. O. Harding, M.A., P.W.C.N.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Frederic Graves, S., was elected W.C.N.; N. Prower, P.W.C.N., Treas.; and Goddard, Warden. A vote of thanks was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes to the W.C.N. for his services during the past year. Bros. F. Graves J., and the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, S., sent apologies for non-attendance. The lodge was then closed.

The members dined with the brethren of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge.

### Lodges and Chapter of Instruction.

#### PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

A meeting was held at the Weavers' Arms, London Wall, E.C., on Wednesday, the 11th instant. Present: Bros. William Baker, W.M.; J. G. Robeson, S.W.; A. J. Rippin, J.W.; D. Harlow, P.M., Preceptor; Meadows, Sec.; Greig, S.D.; E. Croft Wise, J.D.; Spencer, I.G.; Jas. Smith, P.M.; Saunion, P.M.; Harris, P.M.; Roberts, P.M.; Kinipple, P.P., Butcher, Strong, Collins, and Knight.

The lodge having been opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Saunion being the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Meadows, who worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. Butcher being the candidate. Bro. William Baker then resumed the chair, and closed the lodge in due form. Next Wednesday, being the night arranged for the working of the Fifteen Sections by Bro. Talbot, P.M., assisted by Bro. Milbourn, P.M., and others, and the following Wednesday the officers' night of the mother lodge, Bro. J. G. Robeson was unanimously elected as W.M. for the first Wednesday in April.

#### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present: Bros. G. J. Hanson, W.M.; E. J. Harrison, S.W.; W. Rapley, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., and J. W. Clarke, P.M., Preceptors; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; J. E. Thomas, S.D.; A. F. Hardymont, J.D.; E. P. Woodman, I.G.; M. Tuck, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Essex; R. P. Upton, P.M.; A. Oliver, P.M.; A. L. Langton, C. T. Rayner, E. Faux, C. Smith, J. Amand, R. Eddie, C. W. Rayner, Max Hepner, W. G. Carrington, E. T. Mantle, W. A. Goring, G. A. Hopkins, J. H. Thurman, and J. R. White.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read, when Bro. Tuck took the chair, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Eddie being the candidate. The investiture of officers was rehearsed. The position of W.M. was then taken by Bro. Faux, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Langton being the candidate. Bro. C. W. Rayner was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Hanson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

#### STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The weekly convocation was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 6th inst. Present: Comps. Loader, M.E.Z.; Dunn, H.; Derham, J.; T. Grummant, P.Z., Preceptor; Hardman, S.E.; Cornford, S.N.; Lewis, P.S.; Dawson, 1st A.S.; Cureton, P.Z.; Phillips, P.Z.; Benedetti, P.Z.; Cope, P.Z.; Towers, Beecroft, and Eidmans.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cureton personating the candidate. Comp. Cureton, M.E.Z. 2182, was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

The annual supper will take place at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday, the 17th prox., at 7 p.m., Comp. T. Grummant, Preceptor, occupying the chair.

### Obituary.

#### BRO. COUNCILLOR J. W. BANISTER, P.M.

Amidst many manifestations of sincere regret, Bro. Councillor John Wadingham Banister died at his residence, Throstle Nest, Healey-lane, Batley, late on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the age of 48 years. The deceased brother had for more than 12 months been a victim to disease of the heart and other ailments, and, for more than six months prior to his death, he had been totally confined to his house. During his lifetime he was for many years connected with the municipal affairs of the town, for, in addition to serving for a short period as a member of the Town Council, he was, for a considerable length of time, attached permanently to the office of Town Clerk. He became identified with the Trafalgar Lodge, No. 971, in November, 1880, and continued a member up to the time of his demise. He was a Past Master, and for a number of years held the office of Secretary. The funeral of the deceased took place at the Batley Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, the 5th instant, in the presence of a moderate gathering of the public. The service in the chapel and at the graveside was performed by the vicar of Staincliffe, the Rev. St. George Kerr. The ceremony was attended by the Mayor (Alderman B. P. Nettleton), the Town Clerk (Mr. J. H. Craik), Aldermen J. Colbeck, J. S. Tattersfield, Joseph Wilson, and J. Illingworth; and the following members of the Trafalgar Lodge: Bros. G. H. Wilks, W.M.; G. Hollies, P.M., Sec.; James Colbeck, P.M.; S. S. Baines, P.M.; James Pearson, P.M.; Will Akeroyd, P.M.; M. Garner, P.M.; Edward Richardson, P.M.; A. W. Broughton, P.M.; James Oldroyd, P.P.G.P.; S. Sinkinson, Geo. Cowling, W. H. Riddlesworth, Joseph Colbeck, J. W. Rawden, A. Beaumont, Edwin Ryan, R. Hartley, John Preston, S. Hartley, J. H. Brearley, J. R. Pickles, E. Sykes, J. Blamires, John Robshaw, and Joseph Cawthorne. Upon the coffin were placed wreaths from "Wife and Daughter," Mr. and Mrs. S. Hartley, Staincliffe; Mrs. W. Sheard, the members of the Trafalgar Lodge, and the members of the Healey Social Evening Club. The deceased brother leaves a widow and one daughter.

#### BRO. BRADSHAW BROWN, P.M., PAST G. STWD.

Very sincere regret will be felt at the death of Bro. Bradshaw Brown and the circumstances under which it occurred. Bro. Brown was out riding at Blackheath on Monday morning, when he was thrown from his horse and killed, death being almost instantaneous. The deceased, who was an auctioneer and surveyor and a member of the Shipwrights' Company, was a Past Master of Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, and a Past Grand Steward, and had done good service to our Charitable Institutions, not only by qualifying as a Life Governor for all three, but also by having served a Festival Stewardship on behalf of each of them. We tender our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of our late highly esteemed brother.

**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**  
For the week ending Saturday, March 21, 1896.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

**MONDAY, MARCH 16.**

**CR. LODGES.**

- 1. Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern.
- 8. British, Freemasons' Hall.
- 21. Emulation, Albion Tavern.
- 21. Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
- 185. Panmure, Balham Hotel.
- 720. Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
- 802. City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
- 401. City of Westminster, Criterion.
- 1537. St. Peter, Westminster, Criterion.
- 1537. Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.
- 1004. Imperial, Cloat's Restaurant.
- 1728. Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.
- 2090. La France, Cafe Royal.
- 2235. Barnato, Cafe Monaco.
- 2480. Willesden, St. Andrew's School, Willesden Green.
- 2545. Iris, Rainbow Tavern, Fleet-street.
- 2503. Justitia, Freemasons' Hall.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 193. Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- MARK LODGE.
- 233. Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
- 128. Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, & t 8.
- Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
- Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
- Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
- Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
- Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
- Marquess of Ripon, Mildmay Tavern, Ball's Pond-road, N., 7.30.
- Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
- Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
- North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
- Perseverance, Ridter's Hotel, Ho barn, E.C., at 7.
- Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
- Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
- St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance)
- St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
- St. Michael's, Norland Arms, Addison-rd. North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
- Sincerity, Blackwall Railway Hotel, Fenchurch-street, at 7.
- Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
- United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, at 7.30.
- Upton, Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate-street, at 8.
- Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
- Wellington, New Cross House, New Cross, at 8.
- Woodrow, Star and Garter Hotel, Pall Mall, W., at 3.
- Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
- Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
- Lewis Chapter, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
- North London Chapter, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17.**

- Board of General Purposes, at 5.
- CR. LODGES.**
- 30. United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
- 73. Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
- 95. Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 102. Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 194. St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 435. Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
- 724. Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
- 857. St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1045. Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.
- 1895. Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall.
- 2021. Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2022. Haven, Public Buildings, Ealing.
- 2045. Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden.
- 248. Hampstead, Vestry Hall.
- 2500. Old Boys', Criterion.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 20. Castle Lodge of Harmony, Cafe Royal.
- 40. Old Union, Albion Tavern.
- 935. Doric, Anderton's Hotel.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
- Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
- Clarence and Avondale, Green Man Hotel, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
- Constitutional, "Apple Tree and Mitre," 30, Curator-street, Chancery-lane, W.C., at 7.
- Chaucer, Grapes Tavern (Slee & Pike's), 121, Borough High-street, at 8.
- Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
- Dalhousie, Lord Erro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
- Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
- Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
- Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
- Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe, Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
- Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
- Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
- Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
- Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
- Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
- Kensington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
- Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
- Mount Edgumbe, Havelock Arms, Naylor-road, Asylum-road, Peckham, at 8.
- Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
- New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
- New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
- Prince Frederick, William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.
- Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
- Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
- Robert Burns, Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W.
- South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
- St. Kew, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, at 8.
- St. Leonard's, Bedford Hotel, Victoria Park-road, South Hackney, at 8.
- Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, at 8.
- Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
- Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
- Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
- Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Kintore Mark Lodge, Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell Green, S.E., at

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.**

- Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.
- CR. LODGES.**
- Grand Stewards', Freemasons' Hall.
- 7. Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
- 140. St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

- 174. Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
- 190. Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
- 700. Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
- 909. Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
- 1044. Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel.
- 1150. Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1278. Burdett-Coutts, London Tavern.
- 1349. Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 1382. Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
- 1507. Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1530. Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1624. Eccleston, Criterion.
- 1673. Welcome, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
- 1677. Crusaders, Cock Tavern.
- 2241. Cordwainer Ward, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 2301. Cricklewood, Frascati Restaurant.
- 2400. Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.
- 2430. Chancery Bar, The Hall of Lincoln's Inn.
- 2580. Borough, Bridge House Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 141. Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
- MARK LODGES.
- 144. Grosvenor, Cafe Royal.
- 181. Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
- ROYAL CROSS.
- 77. Orpheus, 33, Golden-square.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
- Belgrave, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
- Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
- Confidence, Bunch of Grapes, 14, Lime-street, E.C., at 7.
- Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel, at 8.
- Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
- Duke of Albany, The Clock House, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
- Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 8.
- Earl of Lathom, Station Tavern, Camberwell New-road, S.E., at 8.
- Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
- Gallery, Press Club, Wine Office-court, Fleet-street, at 7.
- Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
- Langthorne, Angel Hotel, Ilford, at 8.
- La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant, 32, Oxford-street, at 8.
- Londonborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
- London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-street, S.W., 8.30.
- Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse, at 7.30.
- Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
- Mount Lebanon, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
- Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
- Plucknett, Railway Hotel, Finchley, at 7.45.
- Prosperity, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, at 7.
- Ravensbourne, Black Bull Inn, Lewisham, at 8.
- Rose of Denmark, Brunswick House, Wandsworth-road, at 8.
- Royal Jubilee, the Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
- Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
- St. Leonard, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd., Victoria Pk., 8.
- Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
- Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.
- Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
- United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.
- United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
- Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
- Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
- Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
- Camden Mark Lodge, Earl Russell, Pancras-road, King's Cross, 8.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19.**

- House Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.30.
- CR. LODGES.**
- 6. Friendship, Criterion.
- 23. Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
- 49. Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
- 55. Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 63. St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
- 169. Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
- 170. Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
- 657. Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant.
- 733. Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
- 813. New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1227. Upton, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1287. Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1305. Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.
- 1420. Earl Spencer, Stanley Restaurant, Lavender Hill.
- 1475. Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1508. Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1613. Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.
- 1623. West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1901. Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.
- 2310. London Scottish Rifles, Criterion.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 217. Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
- 834. Andrew, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith.
- MARK LODGE.
- 361. Onslow, Cafe Royal.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
- Burgoyne, Coach and Horses, 348, Clapham-road, S.W., at 7.30.
- Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Creaton, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
- Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
- Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, East India Dock Rd., E., 7.30.
- Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
- High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
- Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
- Honor Oak, Crystal Palace Tavern, at 8.
- Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
- Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
- Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
- Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
- Langton, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
- Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
- Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
- Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
- Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
- Royal Savoy, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.30.
- St. Ambrose, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
- St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
- St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney at 8.
- St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
- Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
- Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-st., Kennington, at 8.
- Stockwell, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
- Tranquillity, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
- Tredegar, The Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7.30.
- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
- Victoria Park, George Hotel, Stratford, E., at 7.30.
- Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
- Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, W., at 8.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

- Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.
- CR. LODGES.**
- 145. Middlesex, Albion Tavern.
- 1118. Oxford and Cambridge University, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1501. Studholme, Cafe Royal.
- 1902. London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.
- 2157. St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2340. Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

- MARK LODGE.
- 409. Savage Club, Mark Masons' Hall.
- KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
- 6. St. George's, Albion Tavern.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Albion, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
- All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
- Citadel, Parleigh Hotel, Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N., 8.
- Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
- Coborn, The George Inn, High-road, South Woodford, at 8.
- Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
- Earl of Carnarvon, Elgin Hotel, Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill, 8.
- Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
- Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
- Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
- Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
- Harrow, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
- Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
- Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
- Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
- Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
- Metropolitan (Victoria), Mail Coach, 60, Farringdon-street, at 7.
- Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
- Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
- Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
- Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
- St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
- Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 6.
- Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
- Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
- Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upper Richmond-road, Putney, at 8.30.
- Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
- The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
- United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
- Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Friday, at 7.
- Dagmar Chapter, "Slee & Pike's," 121, Boro' High-street, at 8.
- Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
- Lily of Richmond Chapter, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
- Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
- Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21.**

- CR. LODGES.**
- 715. Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 1139. South Norwood, The Pavilion.
- 1329. Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1304. Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
- 1732. King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1707. Kensington, Royal Palace Hotel.
- 2308. Viator, Anderton's Hotel.

**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

- 1706. Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

**LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**

- Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
- Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
- Duke of Connaught, The Lord Napier, West Side, London Fields, at 8.
- Ebury, Grapes Tavern, 123, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
- Eccleston, Victoria Tavern, 46 Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.
- Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
- King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
- Manchester, Old King's Head, Euston-road, at 8.
- Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
- Star, New Cross House, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
- Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
- Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-st., Regent-st. W., at 8.

**WILLING'S SELECTED THEATRICAL PROGRAMME.**

- DRURY LANE THEATRE.**
- At 7.30, Pantomime, CINDERELLA.
- COVENT GARDEN.**
- SEASON OF FANCY DRESS BALLETS.
- ADELPHI THEATRE.**
- At 8, ONE OF THE BEST.
- GALEITY THEATRE.**
- At 8, THE SHOP GIRL.
- PRINCE OF WALES' THEATRE.**
- At 8, GENTLEMAN JOE.
- AVENUE THEATRE.**
- At 8, THE NEW BARMAID.
- LYRIC THEATRE.**
- At 8.15, THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.
- DALY'S THEATRE.**
- At 8.15, AN ARTIST'S MODEL.
- SAVOY THEATRE.**
- At 8.30, THE GRAND DUKE.
- TERLIX'S THEATRE.**
- At 8.45, JEBBURY INN.
- PRINCESS'S THEATRE.**
- At 8.30, EAST LYNNE.
- GRAND THEATRE.**
- At 7.30, CHEER BOYS CHEER.
- SURREY THEATRE.**
- At 7.45, A RAID IN THE TRANSVAAL.
- BRITANNIA THEATRE.**
- At 7, SHALL WE FORGIVE HER.
- EMPIRE.**
- At 7.45, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
- ALHAMBRA.**
- At 7.45, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
- LONDON PAVILION.**
- At 7.45, AN UNSURPASSED VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
- TIVOLI.**
- At 7.45, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
- OXFORD.**
- At 7.45, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
- CANTERBURY.**
- At 7.40, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
- PARAGON.**
- At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
- THE ROYAL, HOLBORN.**
- At 7.45, A BRILLIANT COMPANY OF STAR ARTISTES.
- METROPOLITAN.**
- At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
- MIDDLESEX.**
- At 7.30, GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
- ROYAL AQUARIUM.**
- Open 10 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. Free Entertainment all Day.
- MADAME TUSSAUD'S.**
- Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. GRAND EXHIBITION.
- MOORE AND BURGESS MINSTRELS.**
- At 8, GRAND ENTERTAINMENT.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, who is Honorary Colonel-in-Chief of the Scots Guards, attended divine service at Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, on Sunday last with the 1st battalion of the regiment.

THE DUKE OF YORK will preside at the festival dinner which will be held on Thursday, the 21st May, on behalf of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, Bagshot, and H.R.H. Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein will be present among the guests.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR is expected to arrive at Naples on Monday, the 23rd inst., when he will have an interview with King Humbert. His Imperial Majesty will proceed by sea to Genoa to-day (Friday), accompanied by the Empress and Imperial children.

THE ATTENTION of horticulturists and others has been drawn by the Board of Agriculture to the Second International Horticultural Exhibition, which will be held in Dresden, from the 2nd to the 10th May next under the patronage of the King of Saxony.

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion will be held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday next, the 17th inst. H.R.H. the Duke of York has accepted an invitation to be present as the Society's guest.

A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION of Militia officers for commissions in the regular service has been held at the London University during the present week, the number of commissions competed for being 15 in the cavalry, two in the artillery, and 50 in the infantry.

ON THE 23rd instant, at the regular meeting of the Lodge of Research, No. 2,429, held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, a lecture will be given by Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.M., on "The Masonic Apron." The lecture will be illustrated by a large collection of antique and valuable aprons.

THE COMPLETION of the decoration of the upper portion of the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral with mosaics will be celebrated at the afternoon service on Easter Eve (Saturday, April 4th), when a special Te Deum will be sung. Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of London will attend in state.

IN THE unavoidable absence of Bro. the Earl of Kilmorey, Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan presided at the first meeting, held on Monday, of the Executive Committee of the Barnby Memorial Trust Fund. It is understood that a public appeal will shortly be made, and that a grand concert in behalf of the Fund will be held in the Royal Albert Hall after Easter.

A COMIC OPERA, entitled "The Nick of Time," by Colonel Sir H. Colville, K.C.M.G., composed by Mr. E. Jones, will be performed at the Chelsea Barracks on Monday, the 23rd instant, and five following nights and at a matinée on Friday, the 27th instant, in aid of the Brigade of Guards Charities. The performances will take place under Royal patronage.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue, left Marlborough House for Paris en route for Cannes on Saturday morning last. The same day H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, visited the Queen at Windsor Castle, and having lunched with her Majesty returned to town.

THE WILL of the late Bro. Sir Joseph Barnby, of 9, St. George's-square, Pimlico, composer of music, a native of York, Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, who died on the 28th January last, aged 57 years, leaving personal estate of the gross value of £4272 17s. 8d., and of the net value of £103 11. 6d., has been proved by his widow, Dame Edith Barnby.

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK have been making extensive alterations at their Cripplegate Branch, 10, Fore-street, in order to accommodate a much larger staff, which has been necessitated by the great increase of their business in this district. Mr. Harry Townend, who is so well known in the soft goods trade, is the Branch Manager.

IT IS PROPOSED to hold a grand exhibition in Buda-Pesth, from May to October of the present year, with a view to celebrating the 1000th anniversary of the existence of Hungary as a nation, and the British Committee which has been formed in connection with the project held its first meeting at the Mansion House on Monday, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Sir W. Wilkin, for the purpose of making arrangements for British exhibitors and visitors.

A SOLID SILVER CENTREPIECE has been presented to the Army Service Corps by past and present officers belonging to the regiment who took part in the Egyptian and South African campaigns. On one side of the piece is represented, in relief, a scene in the Zulu War, and on the other a scene on the Nile. Between the two panels are trophies of Egyptian and Zulu arms, the badges of the regiment being on one side of the foot, and the names of the donors engraved on the other.

FIFTY YEARS' RAILWAY SERVICE.—During the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at Charing Cross, on Saturday morning last, Sir George Russell, Chairman of the South-Eastern Railway Company, took occasion to heartily congratulate Bro. George Abbott, Station Superintendent, on the completion of 50 years in the service of the company. It is understood that Sir George and his colleagues of the directorate have also given practical expression to their appreciation of Bro. Abbott's long service.

WE HAVE RECEIVED notice from the Directors of Spiers and Pond Limited that a third instalment of 4s. per share, less Income Tax, on account of dividend, will be posted to the shareholders of the Company on the third proximo, and that the share transfer books will be closed from the 18th to the 31st instant inclusive, for the purpose of preparing the warrants. This payment, with the two instalments paid on the 1st of October and the 1st of January last respectively, makes 12s. per share on account of the year ending 31st March, 1896, the full dividend for which will be declared in July next.

EARL AND COUNTESS STANHOPE gave a dinner party at their residence in Grosvenor-place on Saturday evening last, at which there were present, among others, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach, Bro. the Right Hon. Charles and Mrs. Stuart-Wortley, and the Hon. Lady Northcote. At the reception by Countess Stanhope which followed, the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Halsbury) and Lady Halsbury, the French Ambassador and Mdles. de Courcel, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Viscount and Viscountess Galway, Bro. Lord Amphil, Bro. Lord Glenesk, Lord and Lady Morris, Bro. Sir John Mowbray, Bart., M.P., and Sir John and Lady Lubbock were among those present.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR HENRY KNIGHT, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lord Mayor Sir Walter Wilkin, presided at a meeting of Juvenile Collectors, which was held at the Guildhall, on Saturday afternoon last, in celebration of the 92nd anniversary of the foundation of the British and Foreign Bible Society. When the society came into existence in 1804, there were only 5,000,000 copies of the Bible in existence, printed in 35 different languages. There are now 147,000,000 printed, in 330 dialects, and it is hoped that before the present year is ended the translation of the Sacred Book into 100 additional languages will be completed, and that a short time hence there will not be a nation or tribe in the whole world which has not the Bible rendered in its own language.

BRO. SIR M. WHITE RIDLEY, Bart., M.P., and the Hon. Lady Ridley entertained at dinner at their residence in Carlton House-terrace, on Saturday evening last, a considerable number of guests, among whom were Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) and Lady Halsbury, the Right Hon. the Speaker and Mrs. Gully, and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharfedale. At Lady Ridley's reception afterwards those present included the French Ambassador and Mdles. de Courcel, the Netherlands Minister, Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Valentia, Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton, Bro. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., Bro. the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., Bro. Col. the Hon. H. Byng, and Bro. the Hon. Thomas Cochrane, M.P., and Lady Gertrude Cochrane.

A GO-AS-YOU-PLEASE TOURNAMENT for a distance of five or six hundred miles would, no doubt, attract great attention amongst pedestrians. Feats of endurance which call forth worthy emulation have the effect of improving the physical standard of our young men. They learn that the training requisite demands cleanliness, sobriety, and regular living, as the first essentials of success. This, of course, teaches the lesson that Holloway's Pills and Ointment are rapid aids for bringing a man into the pink of condition. They strengthen the constitution, purify the blood, promote digestion, and cleanse the stomach. The Ointment disperses stiffness of the joints, and makes the muscles like steel in their strength and flexibility.

WE ARE REQUESTED to announce that the Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, Weaver's Arms, 17, London Wall, by Bro. E. C. Talbot, P.M. 65 and 1310 (Past Preceptor of the lodge), assisted by Bro. P.M. Milbourn and several other prominent brethren, and all who wish to participate in a Masonic treat (in more than the ordinary sense of the word) are cordially invited to attend. The lodge will be opened punctually at 7 p.m.

MESSRS. M. B. FOSTER AND SONS, LIMITED, have this week paid a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum upon their preference shares for the year 1895.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK visited Guy's Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, and were conducted round the Wards by the Treasurer, Matron, and members of the staff.

BRO. W. G. FENELEY has been appointed manager of the Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. Feneley has had considerable experience of hotel and tavern management in the Metropolis.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES the Prince and Princess of Wales have fixed the date of the 30th annual meeting of Dr. Barnado's Homes, in the Albert Hall, for Midsummer Day, 24th June, at 5 p.m.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the Royal Blind Pension Society will be held at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday, the 11th May, and H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge has very kindly consented to preside as Chairman on the occasion.

BRO. F. J. HORNINAN, M.P., will preside on Monday, at the meeting of the Dulwich Scientific and Literary Association, at the Public Hall, Wood Vale, Lordship-lane. Mr. Richard Quick, M.J.S. (curator of the Horniman Museum), will give an address on "Bells."

A PORTRAIT of the late Bro. John Symonds, who was the senior partner of the firm of Messrs. Richard Symonds and Son, 7 and 8, Idol-lane, and at one time represented Langbourn Ward in the Court of Common Council, appears in the *Wine and Spirit Trade Record*.

THE BELLS of Windsor were rung on Tuesday, and a Royal salute was fired in the Long Walk, in celebration of the 33rd anniversary of the marriage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, whose wedding took place in St. George's Chapel on March 10th, 1863.

A MEETING of the Royal Colonial Institute was held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Colonial Institute, on Tuesday, at which Sir G. Baden-Powell, M.P., read a paper on "The Development of Tropical Africa." Sir Francis Scott, who commanded the recent expedition to Ashantee, was present, and made several important observations on the subject of the paper.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS ALBRECHT OF PRUSSIA, who are on a visit to this country, visited Westminster Abbey during the morning of Tuesday, and the Tower and Tower Bridge in the afternoon. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Lord Chamberlain, and Sir John McNeill, one of the Queen's Equerries, have called upon their Royal Highnesses on behalf of her Majesty.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR has given permission for the annual meeting of the Factory Girls' Country Holiday Fund to be held at the Mansion House on Tuesday, the 28th prox., at 3 o'clock. The speakers will be Mrs. Fawcett, Lady Jeune, Mr. Asquith, Q.C., M.P., Colonel Barrington-Footo, the Rev. Dr. Wellnd, and others. The Fund is under the direct patronage of the Duchess of Teck.

THE QUEEN, accompanied by Princess Christian and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of her Court, left Windsor Castle for the Continent on Monday. Reaching Portsmouth Dockyard shortly after 12 o'clock, the Royal Party at once embarked in the Victoria and Albert, and crossed the Channel under escort. On Tuesday the journey to the Riviera was renewed, and completed on Wednesday.

THE ANNUAL BALL of the warrant and non-commissioned officers of the 1st Life Guards was held in the Portman Rooms, on Tuesday. Upwards of 400 guests were present, and the scene was exceptionally brilliant, owing in part to the variety of uniforms and partly to the prettiness of the ladies' costumes. Colonel Sir Simon Lockhart and most of the officers of the regiment were present, as well as a number of distinguished visitors.

DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.—Circumstances having arisen that necessitated the removal of this lodge of instruction from its present meeting place, it has been decided to hold its future meetings on Tuesdays at the Lord Pruro, Dalston-lane, N.E. (close to Hackney Downs Station, G.E.Ry.), and about 10 minutes' walk from Hackney and Dalston Junction Stations on the North London Railway. The first meeting will take place at the Lord Pruro on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 8 p.m.

LORD WINDSOR, Mayor of Cardiff, stated at a council meeting, on Monday, that he had received a letter from Sir Francis Knollys stating that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would be happy to return to London from Aberystwith (on the occasion of his visit there in connection with the University of Wales) through Cardiff, and to delay his journey there two or three hours. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the suitable reception of the Prince.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO CROYDON.—On Monday last at the usual meeting of the Croydon County Council, the Mayor, Mr. Alderman F. T. Edridge, J.P., said that for some time past he had been in correspondence with the Earl of Pembroke and the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie on the subject of the opening of the new municipal buildings. He had now received from the Earl of Pembroke a letter stating that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had fixed the ceremony to take place on Friday, May 15th.

THE CAMBRIDGE CREW arrived at Putney on Monday and had their first spin about noon. Paddling up to Chiswick Eyot they turned, and after rowing back to Hammersmith and having removed their guernseys, did a sharp piece of work from Gwynne's Factory to the London Rowing Club, at the rate of 31 strokes per minute, the boat travelling at a good pace. The crew is a heavy one and includes five old Blues. The Oxford Crew is expected to arrive at the end of the present week.

A VERY SERIOUS ACCIDENT, by which two persons were killed and six badly injured, occurred to the 5.30 p.m. express train from Leeds to London on Saturday evening last. The train had reached Little Bytham, near Peterborough, and was travelling at a fair rate of speed, when two of the rear carriages jumped the metals, and went over the embankment. The cause of the accident is not known, but it is conjectured that the recent rains had loosened the permanent way. With a few exceptions, all the passengers by the damaged train were able to continue their journey, and on reaching the Great Northern Terminus at King's Cross went at once to their respective homes.

THE EXECUTIVE of the East London Trades, Industries, and Arts Exhibition have received an intimation from Bro. Sir Francis Knollys that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will be pleased to preside at the opening ceremony on the 6th June. The Exhibition, of which his Royal Highness is Hon. President, will be held in the People's Palace. It will be arranged in six sections, No. 1 being for Exhibits by Manufacturing and Trading Firms; No. 2 for Work of Individual Craftsmen; No. 3 for Exhibits by Individual Students and Apprentices; No. 4 for Students collectively and by Institutions; No. 5 for Women's Work; and No. 6 for Loan Exhibits of Works of Art. Each of the first five sections will be broken up into divisions, and prizes of greater or less value will be awarded in each division. A large Guarantee Fund is in course of being formed. The address of the Hon. Secretaries is 64, Cannon-street, E.C.

FOR SOME TIME PAST the question of taking some step with the view of arresting the continued decrease in the second-class traffic which for some years has been a prominent feature in Railway Accounts, has been engaging the careful attention of the principal Railway Companies, and we are authorised to state that the directors of the Great Western and London and South Western Railway Companies have just decided to reduce the second-class fares generally over their respective systems, to a sum equivalent to about 1½d. per mile, in the hope that this substantial reduction may induce many who would otherwise travel third-class to avail themselves of the second-class carriages. We are also informed that with a view to securing as far as practicable uniformity in the mode of calculating the first-class fares, the directors of the above companies have now determined to reduce the first-class fares to about 2d. per mile in all cases in which they are at present in excess of that amount. The exact date on which these alterations are to take effect has not yet been finally decided, as it will take some time to arrange the necessary details for giving effect to such important changes over the extensive systems of the two companies referred to.